

# ClassActs

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**38** Nancy Malcolm sent the sad news that her aunt, **Jennie-Belle Perry Barr** died on July 22 at the age of 103. Nancy shared these memories: I had the pleasure of accompanying my Aunt Jennie-Belle to her 70th Reunion in 2008. Accompanying is an overstatement. I took her up to campus so she could check in (she was very impressed with the dorms) and then we attended (crashed) the 50th luncheon. None of the people sharing our table could believe her age and no wonder—she had a vibrancy that was enviable. She was still the same beautiful, full-of-life person, who thoroughly enjoyed her four years at Middlebury—a natural entertainer. I then left her and picked her up two days later. During Reunion she attended many of the offered programs, walked the campus, and visited the art museum. The highlight was being introduced as one of the three oldest alums attending in 2008 and walking down the Mead Chapel aisle with President Ron Liebowitz to the applause of the gathered alums. There were a couple of other people from her class but it was bittersweet in that many had passed away. While in college, Jennie-Belle took the train to Rutland to perform at the Paramount. Her repertoire included performing original monologues and doing dramatic poetry readings. The monologues proved to be the motivation to her entertainment career on Broadway and landed her a job as the first woman to host her own show on a Syracuse, N.Y., television station in 1956. While on campus Jennie-Belle knew everyone and rarely forgot a face or story, recalling them vividly in her later years. She appreciated others and could find humor and positive outcomes coming from difficult circumstances. She and Dean Kelly were not on the best of terms. Jennie-Belle's social life was active and she often had the problem of being late for curfew. Dean Kelly was waiting for her one fateful night after an all-campus dance. Ten minutes late again. Her penance was that she was not allowed to go anywhere except to class or the dining hall and, further, she was not allowed to speak to any boys on campus for a month. It paid to be likable. One professor felt bad for her and arranged with Dean Kelly that Jennie-Belle babysit for his children. He then quietly also invited her boyfriend over to help. Jennie-Belle taught me many life lessons and I feel especially blessed that I live in Middlebury, which gave me the opportunity to share her 70th Reunion with her.

**46** **REUNION CLASS** Greetings '46ers, wherever you are enduring this COVID-19 pandemic. Hopefully, you are safe and following the guidelines we've been given. Apparently, we're in this for the long haul and, since this is being written in late July at 87 degrees, I'm grateful for an excuse to stay inside near a fan. • **Joanne Davis Hohmeister** answered my phone call—a pleasant surprise! She had been listening to Glen Miller music and sounded very upbeat. (Think I'll try that.) She's living in a retirement community in Norfolk, Conn., and said she's doing okay there, taking care of writing checks, etc., and cooking for herself. She has spoken with **Gloria Antolini Keyser** and **Lois Brigham Selnau** and said, "Thank God for telephones!" During the pandemic, Joanne and other church members meet in groups outside of the church itself. Because of not-so-good eyesight, she no longer drives and rides with a friend. She has three sons and six grandchildren, none nearby. Joanne worries about one of her sons who is a musician. Besides being a percussionist, he sings. How can one sing without wearing a mask? • **Ruth "Smiley" Riley Wendell** is living in a senior residence in Exeter, N.H., and, when we talked on the phone, she was following COVID-19 quarantine restrictions. Although residents are allowed to have prearranged visitors, they are closely monitored by a member of the staff who Ruth referred to as "hound dog." She resides in the assisted living section as she uses a walker (which she doesn't believe she needs) and is limited to where she can go. She said that, fortunately, she has plenty to do and to read. We reminisced about college days (I still think of her as Smiley)—both of us were in the section of our class that graduated in October 1945 and lived in Hepburn Hall that last semester. Ruth reminded me of the Winter Carnival ice sculpture that was built to scale, designed by a V-12 sailor who was in the Middlebury/MIT five-year program. In addition to her daughter, Phyllis Wendell Mackey '78, she has a granddaughter, Class of 2014, and a grandson, Class of 2011.5. Smiley (!) was intrigued by the traditional winter event where the graduates ski down that main trail at the Snow Bowl in cap and gown. She is looking forward to attending our 75th Reunion in June 2021! • I, **Joan "Cam" Campbell Shaw**, had one other email recently, from a member of another class, George Whyte '66, who lived here in Manchester years ago and played tennis with my husband. He read our class notes and said he'd look for me at the next Reunion. I hope that can happen.

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**47** In the midst of all the negative and discouraging news of the pandemic and the accompanying economic situation, it is great to have some really good news to report. You may remember at our 30th Reunion, we established the Class of 1947 Scholarship Fund, its purpose being to provide financial help to middle-income students. You may have enjoyed, as I have, the letters from those students who have benefited from our fund. On April 30 of this year, I received a most welcome email from Laurie Celik of the Middlebury Office of Advancement stating that **Shirley Ayres Tilden**, who died in August of 2018 after a long siege with Alzheimer's, had left a wonderful legacy to our class fund, "one which will support a host of students in the future." Given the economic blow of the pandemic, it could not be a more appropriate blessing. • **Phil** and Jean Sloan '49 **Briggs** left Arizona in mid-March and returned to Vermont and their retirement community, Wake Robin. They thought they should get out of Arizona while they could. Shortly thereafter, Wake Robin slammed the gate closed and they have been incarcerated ever since. They were hoping to escape back to Arizona this fall but were concerned about the worsening situation there with regard to COVID-19. Fortunately they are well, just a little older. They celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary July 9. They feel fortunate that their family has not been too much affected by the virus, but feel sorry for the difficulties some of their grandchildren are having trying to live a "normal" life. These are very difficult times for many people. • **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** wrote that they have been under quarantine for some time now, and she does find it discouraging with masks, distancing, and all that—once a day, they order their meal and it appears in a brown bag. Theirs is probably the only senior community that has had no cases of the virus, but all around them there have been sick people. Joanne goes out each morning and afternoon and walks hither and yon, which she finds good for her soul and body. She is slowly trying to get her files/piles in some sort of shape, and making little progress. Her daughters will have lots to do after their mother's death. One incredible event was that Daughter Number Two decided to make a biography of Joanne's life using a few of her very primitive watercolors, letters she had written, assorted poems she had composed, etcetera. She was utterly amazed. Now each of her four daughters and all eight grandkids have a copy. She still loves to read and to dance, but has few occasions to do so. She is an avid *New Yorker* reader, and often listens to Maine Public Radio, as she cannot tolerate commercial stations with all the ads. • I had an interesting email followed by a long conversation with **Dorothy Domina Willard**.

Last March, she removed to Nashville, Tenn., where she now resides with her daughter and son-in-law. It was a big change to go from Vermont to Tennessee, but Dottie is very happy and glad she made the move. In Vermont, she had an overflow of things, but managed to give most of it away, so she did not have much to worry about when she moved. She, like so many of us during this pandemic, is wearing a mask in public and spending a lot of time at home. She takes a daily walk and reads a great deal. Their weather is sunny and warm most of the time, and she is looking forward to when she can meet other people. During social distancing, her church choir made a virtual choir anthem. Her son-in-law recorded her and her daughter singing the alto and soprano parts of their album at home, then emailed these to the church where their choir director put all of them together. The result was truly outstanding. Though not a large choir, they sounded as if they were singing in a large cathedral, a true miracle of modern technology. • In answer to an emergency call sent out by the health industry of Massachusetts, my niece and I spent the months of March, April, and part of May making face masks. They proved simple enough to make, but due to the number required, very time consuming. Our biggest problem was locating 100 percent cotton and quarter-inch elastic. By the time we finished we had seven different styles, thanks to the *New York Times*, Doctors Without Borders, JoAnn Fabric stores, and my tireless stepdaughter, who is the searcher for all things needed. While they will not set a new trend in fashion, and I will not start a new career manufacturing them, they serve the purpose. We have now moved on to a new project. Most people think of the Cape as a tourist mecca, where money is abundant and freely spent, but the truth is there are many, many people in need. The resort picture lasts two months, and then there is no work left for people to earn a living. The church I attend usually holds an annual fair with all proceeds going to local charities to help the homeless, the hungry, and provide necessary items for the needy. This year we cannot have the fair due to the virus. So a number of us got together and are planning a Bazaar in the Barn sale to sell items we have made, the proceeds to be used for virus victims. My niece and I are fortunate to have enough land to provide for the necessary social distancing and an antique barn for such an affair. In this way we hope that we can do our part to ease the situation in these difficult times. • I received word of the passing of two of our classmates: **June Brookman Kinney** on May 23 and **Carolyn Leach Gorman** on May 24. I have no further details to report at this time. We shall miss their camaraderie but we all know time marches on. I hope all of you are well, and that the next set of notes will have a more positive, less virus-impacted direction.

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**48** During these stressful times, I hope all our classmates are doing well. Let me know how you have been coping!

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**49** **Rachel Stryker Smith** writes that she and Dwight have strayed from their residence only twice since the pandemic began. They celebrated Dwight's birthday in June at Lake Placid for several days. Then later they went to the Mohonk Mountain House for their 67th wedding anniversary. Congratulations. She says they miss seeing their grandchildren, especially when their granddaughter Cornelia graduated from Columbia. • Andy and I (**Rachel**) are both well and coping with the restrictions of COVID. We often go out for drives in the countryside, which makes it seem like it's reasonably normal. We are very well taken care of here at our residence. We have celebrated two children's birthdays at a lovely restaurant on the Erie Canal, outside with proper distancing, which was a joy for us all. We keep up with all my six kids on Zoom, which is a joy as we can see and talk to each other. I highly recommend it. Oh yes we also have a patio outside for dining here at Cloverwood so we often have dinner with another couple. All for now. Hope this finds all my classmates doing well. • We are sorry to report the deaths of **Doug Armstrong** on June 2, **Ferdinand Vetare** on July 5, and **Elaine Arrington Miller** on August 23. Our condolences go to their families and friends.

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**51** **REUNION CLASS Don and Biffy** Darling '53 **Sherburne** wrote from their "lockdown" at Westminster Suncoast, Fla. They planned to stay there, missing their annual summer at Lake Dunmore. They had planned to celebrate their 65th anniversary at the lake, but they are communicating with their family by FaceTime, and locally with their son and his wife, and have been visiting with friends "through the fence" at Suncoast. These are challenging times for sure but they say, "Having our Midd background and experience enriches our time now when reflections on life mean so much." • **Jim Ross** reported that he and Ann (McGinley) '53 have moved into assisted living at Eastview in Middlebury. He said it has been their great good fortune to have stayed connected to the College since 1956. They

greatly enjoyed a visit from their Swedish AFS student last year. • **Elizabeth Gale Woods** wrote that life is restricted mostly to her Wake Robin campus, which fortunately is attractive to walk around (with social distancing and masks). Meals are delivered and there are TV channels for Zoom and exercise classes and other TV programs. • **Jacob Shammash** recalled some of his most memorable classes at Midd while he was there, before going to med school and becoming a well-known physician. He also mentioned the skating rink in front of Starr Hall. He always enjoyed skating in the evening after he finished studying. He also enjoyed taking walks off campus and looking at the farms in the area. • **Alec Marshall** wrote, "It is only because we have each other that we are almost self-sufficient. We have lived long enough to have lost a son and many beautiful, lovable friends." Alec and wife Anne (Meyer) '50 love Truro, Mass., in the warm weather and rent in Melbourne Beach, Fla., for six months. They are still active, exercising, and Alec still enjoys golf. Alec said, "We are thankful for all that we have and are able to do. We shall never forget our lives at Midd and the many people we knew and loved." • **Joan Macklaier Birkett** says life is full each day, even at six-foot distances. Joan has written lots of poetry and a memoir. "This is the time of looking back while keeping your mind forward." One of Joan's early jobs was doing research for the Canadian productions of Sesame Street and Mr. Dressup. She traveled to the Arctic and to Hudson Bay to research what children in that area wanted to see. Joan has such good advice for us, such as, "Life is always showing us a new and interesting path of learning if we are open to learn, at any age." • I am sorry to report the deaths of **Mary Sellman McIntosh** on July 1 and **David Maysilles** on July 30. Our condolences go to their families. • I hope you all were able to see **Roly Coate's** poem about Reunion, which appeared in the online edition of the summer class notes. If you didn't see it, please let me know and I will send it to you. • Please stay well. Follow all the rules that may still be in effect: Handwashing, social distancing, masks, etc. I would hope that by the time you get this, things may be more normal—whatever normal may be. Best wishes to all. See you at Midd in June 2021 for our 70th!

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**52** Difficult days as I write this—and when you read it, much that holds us in anxious suspense now, 42 days before the election will have resolved for better or worse. But for the moment, to deal in part with the combination of old age, ugly politics, tragic consequences, and COVID, I began calling around and got in touch first with **Judy Webster Barton**. My concern there was the wild fires still ravaging California. They have had their impact in her life—two of her three kids live in the wildfire

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regions in the Santa Clara mountains and down near lovely Santa Cruz. Both had to be evacuated, but fortunately the fires were finally snuffed and their homes were still there in the aftermath. Her third son was living up in the Santa Clara mountains and though threatened was eventually fine. Judy lives alone in Half Moon Bay and was blessed in the period of torrid heat in California by sea breezes—that and the presence of a 17-pound cat named Shadow who is her friendly companion. Shadow started life as a feral kitten weighing 10 pounds, so we can take the measure of her loving care for him from his girth—TBG (the Irish acronym) for the creatures who fill our lives as we age. • **Priscilla Norman Forschler** was her usual enthusiastic self on the phone when I made an overdue call to her. Over the last several years—until its disruption this year by COVID—Priscilla was always enrolled at the Alumni College held at Bread Loaf around Labor Day, which our own late classmate, **Ken Nourse**, helped to found. **Sally Baldwin Utiger**, **Lee McGowan Allison**, and I were also often in attendance and so we could catch up easily with Priscilla. Not so this year. But she reported cheerfully of more important occasions, past and future, namely the expected birth of a fifth great-grandchild around Christmas to add to the complement of her other four great-grandchildren! Lucky great-grandma. Priscilla shares her home with one daughter and sounded, as always, full of energy. • I had another positive visit with **Marie Cavanaugh Frink**, this time by Skype. Marie is a resident at McLean and I managed to get a half-hour visit with her in person late this past summer. This time the connection was electronic and I took her on a tour of my house that fronts on the Battenkill River, not far from the Vermont border in upstate New York. My gardens, which are enthusiastically “Darwinian” in that they kinda raise themselves, were still heavily in bloom so they featured in the tour for Marie who was an ardent, skilled gardener. She liked the sweeping view of the river, followed by closeups of late blooming flowers she recognized instantly by name. I’ll do more of that. • Since the much-regretted loss of **Chuck Ratté**, the men of the Class of ’52 haven’t had much attention. I began a new push by calling **Bob Martin**, now 90, and was delighted when he called back. He and wife Vera are living at Essex Meadows, a retirement community outside of Essex, Conn. Bob sounded like his usual, kind self on the phone and reported that he walks daily, and that he and Vera find the offerings of lectures and conferences held at their facility a good diet for the mind. Talking to Bob makes me wonder if there might not be a volunteer from the men of ’52 to add to this column? Please let me know. • The final notations for this reading come from **Shirley Herrman Andrews**, with whom I had a long overdue conversation in order to complete these notes. She had just finished the creation, with a talented grandson who designs websites, of a new website related to her several books on Atlantis. You can find it at

Atlantisinsights.com. Shirley has devoted much of her life to these subjects; and her research has carried her far and wide. But there is also the personal side of all of that. She has a major boast in the family—she has a total of 10 adult grandchildren in the 20- to 30-age group, a cohort that certainly keeps her in touch with things, and her major boast was (at the time we talked) her first great-grandchild, two-week-old Cecelia. Life has been richly rewarding for Shirley who, until this year, regularly split her life between a condo in Concord and one in Tucson, Ariz., carrying with her to both her love of music and her skill as a flautist. She walks miles daily, sounded very young and strong on the phone, and in passing enthusiastically recommended her latest read: *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. I will be reading it.

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**54** Correspondent **Tom Ryan** reports: “Okay, Houston, we’ve just had a problem,” radioed Jack Swigert from Apollo 13 50 years ago. And we in Houston have a series of other problems now; the prices of oil and natural gas have cratered, COVID-19 is stressing even our vaunted Texas Medical Center, and we have been enduring hurricane season. The locusts will probably arrive next week. All of these are serious, but not insurmountable problems. We may even, hopefully, see a vaccine for COVID-19 before this issue gets published. It will get better! But in the meantime, let’s all be careful. • **Chris Van Curan**’s wife, Sandy, will soon be retiring as a customer agent from British Air after 23 years of work. Chris said, “It’s heartbreaking to see jumbo jets flying the Atlantic with only 40–50 people. The airlines are being killed by this pandemic. And not just British Air.” Chris, preparing to leave for Maine with Sandy within the next few days, said he had just returned from the VA where he was able to get his nose swabbed for a COVID-19 test. “To enter Maine from a state with a positivity rate of more than 1.0, you have to either quarantine for 14 days or have a current COVID test. Massachusetts is 1.8. I chose the test, which is really hard to get; you need a doctor’s prescription. But I got it and passed.” His family has a camp/compound at Norway, Maine: “A six-bedroom camp building, non-winterized, on a beautiful lake, tennis courts, and all the lake toys you can imagine. And my sister is next door!” He, like the rest of us, is being very careful during this pandemic. “We, at our ages, are in the dangerous zone. And if you have, as I, underlying health issues, you have to be particularly careful. That’s another reason why Norway, Maine,

is so appealing.” • I called **Ferd** and **Mary-Lou Bayles Wyckoff** in Kennebunkport, Maine. Ferd sounded as ever, with his wonderful laugh. They are both staying close to home, in quarantine. While neighbors pick up and deliver food to them, they get out from time to time, for haircuts, takeout food, etc., but no restaurants, no supermarkets. When we talked, Maine had opened up a couple of weeks before, and where the streets used to be empty, they were bumper-to-bumper with tourist traffic. He said, “We are going to remain careful.” • **Clarence Strowbridge**, past president of Dover Publications, is alive and well in White Plains, N.Y. Dover primarily published reissues, books that were no longer published by their original publisher. In a letter to **Julie Howard Parker**, he said, “I really enjoyed my long career there, partly because we published so many different kinds of books; literally from the sublime to the ridiculous. But there were also many kinds of books we did not publish, such as fiction and nonfiction, except in some very scholarly subjects.” Book selection was made by an editorial board and the owner, “a brilliant man who was interested in everything.” Clarence said that he is, during the present COVID problem, sticking close to home, and although Westchester County has been a hotspot, he does not personally know of anybody infected. “But I am going to remain very careful.” • **Sally Green Risberg**, in a letter to Julie Parker, has reported the sadness of losing her husband and lifelong partner, Don, after 64 years of married life and happiness. Cards came in from all over the U.S. and even England and Scotland. Sally’s two sons check in on her via Zoom and, unsurprisingly, she has many special friends to offer comfort during this lockdown state we are all in. She has moved to Spring Lake Village in Santa Rosa, Calif. • **Rich Sulzer** is staying close to home in Boynton Beach, Fla., where he has lived for the past 22 years. Rich had been in the jewelry appraisal business in New York and after retirement, they decided to make Florida their permanent home. He lost his wife some 12 years ago and has children and grandchildren in the Northeast, but with the current pandemic in force, is unable to visit them and they can’t visit him. Similarly, a lady friend is in a retirement community under lockdown, and he can’t see her and she can’t see him. It is depressing! He gets out from time to time to buy food and visit with a neighbor (he even got a haircut), but he, like the rest of us, is very careful. • I called **Dick Teach** in Buffalo, N.Y., and spoke, at some length, with his son David. Dick and I had both majored in economics and studied under D. K. Smith, one of the world’s best. Dick, unfortunately and like so many of our classmates, suffers from some cognitive problems. This is hard on everybody, particularly close family members. If we haven’t gone through something similar yet, I’m sure we soon will. • As for the **Ryans**, we too are in lockdown at our retirement community. No visitors, no meetings of more than four people, temperature checks at the gate, and the occasional COVID-19



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swab. We try to get out at least once a week for an extended drive of three to six hours, and that helps. We are really careful. (I haven't had a haircut in over three months.) Ten days ago, though, I took a demo ride in an autogyro (tandem seating, open cockpit, no sides). Now that was exciting! And I thought autogyros had died in the '30s! • And now for the bad news. We have lost another classmate: **Ronald Kingsley** on July 11. • While we are all hunkered down, let's try to stay active and connected, at least through Zoom. But let's all be careful. Some parting words from the *Economist*: "You may have lost interest in the pandemic. It has not lost interest in you." (July 10, 2020, p.11)

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**55** **Alli Lank** reports: "Because of the virus, we hardly ever leave the apartment. Thus I have no news. We feel lucky to be in a retirement community where basically all our needs are taken care of. But it can get boring! Stay well." • **Bob Webb** says they've sold their house in Massachusetts and moved to Heathrow, Fla., last winter. (Heathrow is a part of Lake Mary, which is a few miles north of Orlando.) "We were barely out of all the boxes when the coronavirus hit, so we hardly even know our way to the supermarket. We do have very old friends right next door so we're preserving our sanity." (Bob also said my booklet about Edward de Vere as the real William Shakespeare is the most persuasive of all.) Bob adds, "To bring my bio up-to-date, I was a professor of psychology and chair of the department at Suffolk Univ. in Boston, retiring in 2012. I started at Suffolk in 1966 and am still emeritus status there. I published a textbook, *Psychology of the Consumer*, in 1999. My main interest was in the esoteric world of the brain, particularly the cognitive-affect interface, and how the two systems interact. My English major at Midd seems a long way off. (I have a friend that wants me to run the hundred at 90, but that's not gonna happen!) Cheers to all!" • **Bob Heller** has been a widower for five years but is still in the same house after 50 years. He has three children, six grandchildren, and two greats! He sounds very upbeat and said he's a "happy camper." • **Marcie Garcia** writes, "When we were looking at colleges, we were all impressed by Middlebury's presentation: liberal arts, language schools, Casa de Espana, Château, Bread Loaf School of English, and faculty and it was the right choice! I went on to the Navy, then to the international corporate world until my retirement the day before my 80th birthday. Two children followed me at Midd: My son (Class of '84) spent two summers in Switzerland teaching at the U.S. school. He went from Midd with a Naval scholarship to medical school, served on active duty, and retired from Johns Hopkins Pediatric Hospital as chief of the anesthesia



1 Alice Wisener '11 and Gordon Hildick-Smith '11 were married on September 8, 2018, at Hildene in Manchester, Vt. Many Middlebury friends helped the couple to celebrate: (all '11 unless noted) Mike DeLucia, Chris Hench, Esther Steves '14, Annie Friedlander McGinn, Gen Guyol, Alyssa Ha, Liz Gay, Anna Zauner, Cathy Ahearn, Michael Malhame, Nick Spencer, (second row) Conrad Trimboth, Luke Eastman, Jared Pomerance, Gabe Lane, Katy Magill, Megan Margel, Whitney Hanson, William Jacobus '83, the newlyweds, Allie Needham, Lisa Tabacco Saeed, Charlie Wemyss-Dunn '12, Olivia Cooney, Peter Georgakakos, Faisal Saeed '10, and Jake Herman. 2 In Islesboro, Maine, 1973 Batt North dormmates gathered together for a mini-reunion: Ria Torres Murphy, Deborah Shinn, Jeannie Northrup Burditt, Lindy Osterland Sargent, Loring Starr, Betsy Benware Sessions, Kris Bye Strandness, and Jay Aronson. 3 Friends from the Class of 1970 rode together in the 2019 Kelly Brush Foundation Ride: Al Perry, Randy Rowland, Jeff Sturges, and Rob Apple.



4 Several friends got together to celebrate the 40th birthday of Lee Jones '02: Annie Nichols Jones '02, Morgan Jones '02, Lauren Cacciapaglia Sargent '02, Lee, Eliza Funston Jones '03, and Katharine Wolf '02. 5 A holiday mini-reunion was held at the Brae Burn Country Club in West Newton, Mass., with 1974 friends and family attending: Jan Higbee, Vivienne Longo Trebino, Steve Trebino, Nancy Kolligian, Kate Peterson Burr, Dave Mozes, and Chris Burr '73.

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department, serving on the board of directors. Our daughter (Class of '92) proceeded to Slovakia for three years, returned to the U.S., and today is the director of international strategies of a major corporation. That is what Midd provided for us. And we are very appreciative of it. Betty and I are settled in Florida. We would normally have been at our farm in upper New York but we stayed in Florida for obvious reasons this summer. We have worked with Cornell's extension service for an organic designation on the farm." Marcie reminisces, "Betty and I attended the 25th Reunion while on home leave from Brazil, where my territory was South and Central America. There was a seminar on Central America, which we attended, that was totally wrong, misleading, and politically and intentionally motivated. That is when I chilled on Midd. But I did stay in contact and participated in several Midd ventures in the international field. I'm hoping that the administration will be positive, such as with the recent article by the Cane Society regarding the organic venture and positive things that reflect on Midd as the right college to get a worthwhile degree to allow students to find a successful and gratifying career!"

• **Dick** and **Mary Lou King Wollmar** have been living in Durham, N.H. They recently celebrated their 66th anniversary. They have two great-grandchildren no less! • **Earl Samson** recently lost his wife, Susan, to cancer. They sold their vineyard in Little Compton, R.I., a few years ago but stayed on in their house. Earl (and **Junie Stringer's**) son Trip is a comfort to Earl as he has a house nearby. • **Alan Gould** writes, "Pat and I were fortunate in May to have participated in a Zoom video discussion of the Dave Brubeck Jazz Collection that will be housed at our Wilton Library. The production featured Chris Brubeck, Dave's son, and spokesperson for the family, along with Gil Havel, music professor. The program highlighted from *Bach to Brubeck*, a 2000 CD arranged by Chris. There were brilliant musical transitions featuring Dave's 1958 'Brandenburg Gate' with Paul Desmond. This is a great start to honor Dave Brubeck's 100th birthday anniversary." • **Dave McKissock** reports, "Diana (Parish) '56 and I are hanging in there and our family as well—trying to stay safe in this battle with the virus. New Jersey was under the gun for many months with a very high death count. Things are just now looking a lot better with fewer new cases at our hospital here. Our town of Fair Haven has done the masking application and it has paid off for all residents. So we are keeping our fingers crossed waiting for some good news—whenever that may be!" • **Roy Craig** was planning to move to Boulder, Colo., in August. Roy and I were co-chairs of the aborted 65th Reunion book. There was little support from our class and virtually none from the College. I begged off, but if anyone thinks it's a good idea, please step up. • As for your class correspondent, so far so good. Liddy and I are fortunate to live in the rural northwest corner of Connecticut so we can hike, garden, and keep busy

in my shop. We still have a sailboat and that's been a welcome respite—easy to social distance on the water. I finally admitted that I'm "retired" from the practice of architecture. However I have been a "consultant" on several friends' remodeling projects. I was signed up by Lifetime Learning to present a two-part class on "The History of the American House" but it's on hold until this horror is over. I really appreciate the added "Thanks for what you do" kind of remarks I get from so many of you. That's why I'll continue to keep it up. But it is infinitely more rewarding with support from all of you who respond to my appeals for updates. • **Annie Faulkner '85** sent this message about her mother: **Nancy Walker Faulkner**, 87, died June 27, 2020. Nancy whirled through life with zest, curiosity, and irrepressible friendliness. At Middlebury, Nancy majored in American literature, learned to ski, and made lifelong friends. After Middlebury, Nancy worked in Boston, married Kim Faulkner, and raised three children in Brookline, Mass. In 1972, she began a 35-year career in independent school administration, working at the Park School and Milton Academy. Nancy enjoyed serving Middlebury in many volunteer roles: class secretary, class agent, Reunion Gift Committee, Alumni Association vice president and president, 30th Reunion Gift Committee chair, class planned giving agent, 50th Reunion Committee, 50th Reunion book editor, phonathan volunteer, and more! She loved Alumni College, showing up at Bread Loaf almost every year. In 1994, Nancy and a bunch of Middlebury classmates rafted together down the Grand Canyon, starting an (almost) annual tradition of "Midd Mama" reunions at locations from Maine to Florida to California. Nancy also volunteered for many other organizations (especially Planned Parenthood) and traveled extensively. Above all else, Nancy made and sustained warm relationships throughout her life. Nancy and Kim moved to Peterborough, N.H., in 2013, and Kim died in April 2020. Nancy is survived by her daughters Emily, Annie, and Abigail, their partners, and six grandchildren.

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**56 REUNION CLASS** We have asked and been told that the College will hold class reunions this coming June 11–13. That is great news! We weren't sure in July when we initially put these class notes together but now in late September it looks very doable! We welcome YOUR ideas and active participation. Contact us if you want to be involved and tell us what you would like to do. Thank you very much! • One of the '56 attendees who came from Illinois for our 60th reunion, **Lynne Atherton**, brings us up-to-date on her doings and her commitment to the same. "For the past six years I've been involved with the prison penpal program of my church (Church of the Holy Spirit, Episcopal, Lake

Forest). This past weekend I held a small, socially distanced celebratory luncheon outdoors in honor of my penpal Russell's 'graduation' from three years of parole. I've come to believe that the parole system is almost as much of a crippling, corrupt industry as our prison system. Russell is Black. He was in jail for three years before even being sentenced (equals our freshman, sophomore, and junior years) just waiting behind bars. Eleven years in prison later, a jury found him not guilty. But a judge slapped three years of parole on him, etc., etc., etc. With all the current emphasis on police, let us not lose sight of the drastic need for incarceration reform." • We regret to inform you of the deaths of **Judith Phelps** and **Don Buck** in May, **Sally Evens Herrmann** in July, and **Mary Gaines McMurray** in August. • Please keep the news coming. We count on you. And begin to think about planning to attend our 65th reunion next June (June 11–13)! It will be a lot of fun and a great chance to catch up with friends. Countdown to our 65th Reunion: 253 days from the 1st of November! Stay well!

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**57** If you have any news you would like to share with the class, please send it to me or give me a call at 1-774-722-0313.

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**58** A great catch-up came from **Scotty Greer**: "I'm working as a Snowbird volunteer at a feline sanctuary in Florida. The cougars, servals, and lynx welcome me back after eight months away like I was just there yesterday!" You obviously take very good care of them, Scotty! • **Barbara Widenor Maggs** tells us a fascinating story regarding her son's marriage eight years ago: "Never during my years at Middlebury could I have imagined that in the summer of 2012 I'd be traveling to Xian, China, to attend a traditional Chinese ceremony to honor the engagement of our son and his Chinese bride-to-be. On the morning of the ceremony, my husband and I, dressed in our festive Chinese outfits, a beautiful red jacket for me and a yellow satin shirt for him, given to us by the bride-to-be, waited on a shady lane in Xian to see our future daughter-in-law arrive. She soon came walking slowly along the lane in a long red gown and with a red veil covering her face so that she couldn't see, led by the hand of a friend. Then the groom-to-be appeared, also in traditional red, as we all prepared to go to the reception hall. The ceremony, conducted in both Chinese and English before a large array of guests, included many rituals such as the offering of cups of tea by the couple to the bride's widowed mother, and to us, numerous bilingual addresses by the master



of ceremonies, some words in English from our son, and eventually a traditional talk by the father of the groom. My husband had studied some Chinese and had prepared, with a lot of help from online Chinese tutors, a few remarks in Chinese. By the time he began to speak, the guests, by now somewhat restless, were talking quite audibly among themselves. But when they heard something that sounded a bit familiar, they were suddenly silent, and realizing that they were hearing Chinese, they spontaneously broke into applause! I could never have imagined this scene—and this adventure!” • Another wonderful report came from **Beryl Pease Josephson**. In 2001, she and her husband, Carl, moved to Canyon Lake, Texas—halfway between Austin and San Antonio—where they have a home with a great view of the lake. She describes her many volunteer projects, among them serving as an elementary tutor. That’s a big change from being a high school teacher. She had a second grader this year who is almost as tall as she is short. “They grow them big in Texas.” When schools closed due to the pandemic, Beryl heard from a second grade mentee who was so concerned that she called the school to get his phone number and then called him to arrange a visit. Since she lived around the corner, the visit was arranged at a front sidewalk distance. Her note read “I Love You, Mrs. J.” It is great to have these young children appreciate you and realize you are making an effort to help them. That’s the reward needed to make our days useful and happy! • We learned of the unfortunate deaths of the following classmates: **Dave Douglass** died on March 12 at his beloved South Conway, N.H., home. While at Middlebury, he was a top skier, competing in jumping, Nordic, and alpine events. He was an outdoorsman who treasured time spent in nature, whether it was climbing mountains, deer hunting, cutting trails for cross-country skiing, or fishing the remote lakes and streams of New Hampshire. He expanded a hobby of making a quart of maple syrup on his kitchen stove to producing two hundred gallons in one season in Danville, Vt., where he was the proud owner of Golden Maple Orchard. In his later years, he and his wife, Barbara, enjoyed many wonderful bike trips in Europe, Canada, and throughout the U.S. He served his community in many ways: on the Conway budget committee, on the Conway Public Library building committee, and on the Conway school board. • **John Lewis**, loyal and dedicated member of our class, left us on April 10. John met his wife of 58 years, **Sue Lockwood Lewis**, while attending Midd, and after college, they settled in Middlebury not far from campus. John started his own business, Tucel Industries, a brush manufacturing corporation that shipped products around the world. He held over 20 patents and changed the way cleaning products were made. John was a skilled artist in stained glass, a Master Gardener, and an enthusiastic birder. In addition, he was a strong supporter of and actively involved in many local groups, including the

school board, Elderly Services in Addison County, and other nonprofit organizations. As soon as his first grandchild was born, he became “Papa John” and loved sharing his creativity and energy with all five grandchildren. • **Ted Cowles**, another great alum, died on May 7 of COVID-19 complications. Ted and his wife, **Jan (von Wettberg)**, lived in Simsbury, Conn., where they raised their family: daughters Laura and Adine, and son Rick. Ted worked for the investment department of Travelers Insurance in Hartford and served on many boards in the area, including the Canton Conservation Trust, the Rotary Club of Avon-Canton, Maple Syrup Producers Assoc. of Connecticut, and the Appalachian Mountain Trails committee. He loved woodworking, outdoor construction projects, watching the UConn women play basketball, and time spent with his family at Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. (Sadly, we recently learned that **Jan Cowles** died on September 25. We will write more about her in the winter issue.) • On May 17, **Ellen Rockwood Hunt**, dearly beloved classmate and friend, passed away peacefully at Brookdale Plymouth, a long-term health care facility in Plymouth, Minn. Ellen grew up in Worcester, Mass., and loved summers on Cape Cod. An accomplished athlete, she captained the field hockey, basketball, and tennis teams while in high school, and was a former teen New England tennis champion. She loved to ski, sail, and surf. She also was one of the early transcendental meditation enthusiasts, later becoming a teacher of the practice. • **Frank Tracy**, an accomplished and enthusiastic baseball player in high school and at Middlebury, sadly passed away on May 19. Frank taught political science and U.S. history and government for 30 years at New Canaan High School in Connecticut. He was a popular teacher and was admired greatly by his students. His early musical interest was jazz, but, as time went on, he developed a passion for opera. He was a regular at the Metropolitan Opera in NYC and traveled widely throughout the opera world, visiting La Scala and many other great opera houses. He particularly enjoyed sharing his passion with others and taught classes in opera at Founders Hall in Ridgefield, Conn. • **Dorothy Ann Sweeney**, affectionately known to us all as **DA**, died on May 23. She worked many years in child welfare and mental health agencies, later moving to private practice with children and families. This enabled her to continue her work after she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, which prevented her from attending our later reunions. All her life, she pursued her interest in visual arts, exhibiting and selling her photographs and paintings. Most recently, her home was included in a tour of artist’s studios in Saranac Lake Village, N.Y., where she spent her last years. • As we have stated previously, we’d love to hear from you about the things in your present life you never dreamed of doing 60 years ago. So please fill us in, using the emails below. —Class Correspondents: *Mary Daniels Jones (mimi.jones.1@botmail.com), 4011 Norseman Loop, Unit 1,*

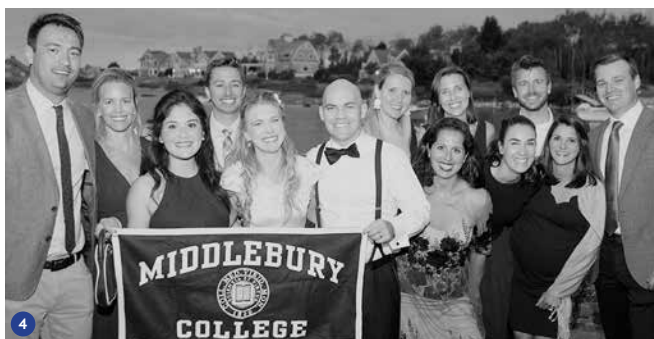
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**59** Correspondent **Andy Montgomery** reports: **Ren Curry** finds being quarantined in his Piper Cub relieves the cabin fever caused by shelter in place on the ground. • In the area of organ recitals, **John Mentor** had a total left hip replacement. Question: Was that due to football at Middlebury or being in the rice paddies of Vietnam? • **John Rich** states that staying isolated in Garden Valley, Idaho, was really not a big change, however very different from Boise. As spring came in and snow melted, neighbors visited with ample space almost as nothing had happened. “I have been participating in the Idaho Songwriters Association. The virtual experience can’t duplicate the comments, recognition, and hugs from fellow musicians. I did get to see my daughter in eastern Idaho as she was prepping the ground for building a yurt.” (How many had to go to the dictionary to find out what a yurt was?) • In Maine **Les McDowell** claims they have avoided boredom in retirement. “After weeks of confinement at home, we moved to our summer cottage in South Bristol and returned home for a quick visit to find our first floor of the house flooded—so back to South Bristol while the house is being rehabbed. It doesn’t seem possible that 60 years ago in September the Army granted me an extended three-day pass to hustle back to Maine to get married to **Shirley (Manchester)** and return to Virginia.” • **Dick Krasker** solved the COVID virus by leaving his 400 fellow residents and moving full time to their summer cottage in Fryeburg, Maine, where family has been in the house for 98 years. • **Bill Wemmerus** said COVID opened his eyes to Zoom. “Our lifelong learning program needed to make our spring luncheon a virtual affair. Somehow, some friends and I were asked to provide music. Anyhow we performed Bob Dylan’s ‘Don’t Think Twice, It’s All Right,’ ‘My Get Up and Go Got Up and Went,’ and a quarantine parody of ‘Home on the Range’ entitled ‘Home Has Certainly Changed.’ There may have been some virtual applause?” • For **Roger Miller**, like many of us, COVID canceled this year’s travel plans. Last fall’s trip to Spain and Portugal is now a wonderful, but distant, memory. His spring trip to Florida has been rescheduled until this fall—hopefully. His advice to us seniors is never substitute an office chair for a kitchen stepladder, a mistake that resulted in a crushed thumb and very limited skiing. • **Bill Hussey** spent time in late February at a family reunion with son Kendall ’89 and daughter Tara ’91 and four of five grandchildren. When he returned to NYC, he wished he still had his Cape Cod house. Wonder why! • **Paul Fitzgerald** is one of many who has left NYC and he’s now a Montana resident. Not too many trout in the East River or Hudson River to use his fly-fishing abilities. • And lastly, I received notice that **Pete Erbe**

## CELEBRATIONS



1 On September 1, 2019, Catherine Ahearn '11 married Jacob Rubens (Washington Univ. 2010) at Ballynahinch Castle in Co. Galway, Ireland. In attendance to celebrate were (all '11 unless noted) Casey Mahoney, Hannah Wilson, Allie Needham, Olivia Cooney, Jake Herman, Alyssa Ha, Lisa Tabacco Saeed, Ashley Quisol, Liz Gay, the newlyweds, Gen Guyol, Margo Seybolt, Anna Zauner, Alice Wisener, Whitney Hanson, Katy Magill, Megan Margel, Charlie Wemyss-Dunn '12, and Gordon Hildick-Smith. The banner used in this photo is from Gordon's freshman-year dorm room in Battell and is symbolic of how things change but also how they stay the same. 2 An East Coast mini-reunion in Boston brought together friends from the Class of 1973: (seated) Sage Russell, Nancy Piepul Stevens, Ria Torres Murphy, Marcy Dunning, (standing) Kathryn Winsberg, Lesley Cadman, Kit Adams Miller, Mary Farley, and Sally Cortes Dorr. Missing from photo: Tutu Dale. 3 Friends from the Class of 2001 gathered with their families in Peachtree City, Ga., last summer: Tejas Parikh, Matty Koelbl, Tommy Koelbl, Ayven Ponnambalam, Avika Ponnambalam, (second row) Gary Dionysius, Jack DiBenedetto, Cat DiBenedetto, Dana Martini, Veer Parikh, Katie Walsh, Neha Shah, (third row) Tom Koelbl and Arvind Ponnambalam.



4 In Kennebunkport, Maine, Molly West '10 married Daniel Dearing on September 7, 2019, with Middlebury friends joining the celebration: (all '10 unless noted) Madeleine Macmillan Winrow, the newlyweds, Jamie Mittelman, Margaret Owen Spiak, Anjuli Demers Curran, (second row) Eliot Jia, Ashley Pfaff DiStefano '09, Mike Spiak, Lindsay Walker, Anne Ford Seymour, Danny Seymour, and Bryan Curran '11. 5 Chris Haskell '81 and Charlotte Massey '19 ran into each other on the slopes of Aconcagua, Argentina, and discovered they were both Midd alums!

passed away on July 6 as a result of Parkinson's disease and, recently, serious lung ailments. My bet is every one of us knew Pete and have several memories of his leadership throughout our years at Middlebury. Maybe you saw the note about him in the summer issue, written by Dick Powell '56. • Correspondent **Millicent Fairhurst** reports: **Judy Webster Bauer** writes, "My husband, Dale, and I are fine here in Seattle. We continue to stay at home but we do walk for exercise every day at the neighborhood school and we try to keep ahead of the weeds in our garden. Everything bloomed at once, which was lovely, but now there's work to be done. Our niece and a friend bring us groceries to add to what we order online." • **Lou Beckman** says her email address has changed to loubeckmanb@gmail.com. She writes, "All is pretty good here in Colorado. I get out to hike and bike some. It's so hard to not be able to hug my family. Granddaughter Siena came home from Middlebury in mid-March and was happy to be able to go back to campus this fall." • **Nancy Frame Sveden** wrote during the summer: "Cape Cod is now filled with beach-going tourists, even though there is no theater or movies or, so sadly, college league baseball. (I so miss hosting those remarkable and dear guys. I have hosted for the last four years, and we stay in touch. It's so tough for them—most have been drafted into the minor leagues, and now there's no baseball for them. It's hard for the guys who made this year's league as well.) Meanwhile, I'm feeling guilty being home and enjoying it! **Katy Bush Hardy** in England, **Ellie "Pinky" Bliss** in Vermont, and I have been Zooming every week—amazing technology." • In Durham, N.C., **Mary Charles Hubbard Blakebrough** began her year as president of Raleigh Midtown Rotary Club with a Zoom! "Like many of you, I am immersed in the ins and outs of sending links and hosting online events and visits with family and friends. One fun outcome from the early March homestay was discovering I had curls, after a lifetime of a straight, short haircut. Here's hoping all the Class of '59 stays safe and healthy along with our families and friends." • **Ailene Kane Rogers** sent more details about the challenging start to 2020 for her and Steve Andrews. "Steve had been quite ill and required much extra home care. His children decided he should be moved to a nursing home, which they registered for. He insisted that I be registered with him and I was. When it came time for him to move, I was quite ill and the home would not take me. My daughter, Helen, came up from her home in Atlanta, Ga., and took me back with her. She was able to get me medical help there immediately and since her two sons and husband were at home due to the virus, they looked after me while Helen went back to Long Island to pick up and ship my belongings from Steve's house. My son, John, also joined her to help move my things. Steve's children wanted to sell the home, so Helen went back up to New York to help with that process. Shortly after I arrived in Atlanta, Steve quietly passed away. Meantime



down in Atlanta Helen set me up for medical appointments. We made them before the coronavirus rushed the medical systems. So I will be living in Atlanta. It is very different from Vermont or Long Island. I love the 100-foot Georgia pines that surround their home and I so enjoy getting to know my grandsons as young men. I hope all of you are well and I send my best wishes to all '59ers!" • **Martha Gerhart** says, "I'm so proud of NYC, my former home! Here at CCYoung (in Dallas) we're now going to be fed our meals in our rooms (as opposed to going down to the dining room) as an extra precaution. Strict protocols have been in place for a while, and the building where I live, the Hillside, is still virus-free, for which we're all very grateful. Greetings to all, and more later—hopefully, when the daily news is happier!"

• **Robine Andrau** writes, "I spend my solitary housebound days reading, writing, making ineffective attempts at decluttering, Zoom-meeting with my groups, and salivating over *New York Times* recipes I keep printing out but will probably never make. Thanks to good state leadership, Massachusetts is doing relatively well re COVID-19, so we're going to Martha's Vineyard for a few days of family fun. Stay well, everyone!" • **Eleanor Vinke Sweeney** hadn't thought of anything for the class notes but she said it was nice to hear from me. • Your class correspondent wants you to know that she is doing nicely, sheltered at home, connecting with Zoom friends. My niece comes to visit from Monday to Thursday each week so I'm not really alone and she is very helpful. Since the world was so depressing and scary I attached a wonderful warm video to the email I sent for news and everybody loved it. If you did not receive a copy, let me know!

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**60** Your correspondents have reached out to many classmates and are happy to share the following—but we would love to hear from more of you! Connecting this way is really welcome in these remote pandemic times. • **Dick Atkinson** checks in: "I have missed my former normal football, basketball, and hockey visits. It's good to see that the College is tight on the new limited access policy and that they are keeping in compliance with the state's rulings on safety. I was glad to finally see a revised version of the *Midd Mag* Class Acts section last month, but I miss my quarterly and look forward to its return. Our personal situation sees us full time again in Waitsfield (Fayston), Vt., for the past four years with our own family combined in four houses (one brand-new) on three abutting lots. Tracy (daughter) is in one, us in a second, and third a rental at Glen Ellen (Sugarbush North); Trevor (son) in Stowe nearby keeps us all close. Green Mountain Valley School has moved smoothly into a new normal with a mix of online and

person-to-person classroom learning. The social distancing has made it difficult for some classes, requiring double and triple repeat sessions for teachers when there's a need to limit class attendance to the 30 percent requirement. No additional teachers are available, which means that for those face-to-face sessions the teachers are repeating the same material as many as two times the same day; that can get old fast plus make one imaginative. Fortunately the school enrollment has not been adversely affected—the normal is at 120ish, which speaks well for the parents and students. Trying to maintain a normalcy, we found a great place for vacation and not even have to leave the state. It was to Isle La Motte, Grande Isle County, on Lake Champlain. It has no town center, no stores, and no people. It is 80 percent Canadian second-home residents, but Canadians are not permitted over the border, so that leaves all very quiet. I am so proud of those low Vermont pandemic numbers, and Dr. Levine, Gov. Scott, and others. The fact that it's rural doesn't hurt either, but it ain't all geography. The last chart I saw listed Vermont as tied with one other as having the lowest rate of all 50 states." • And another Vermonter, **Judy Falby Tuttle**, reports: "I've been biking regularly, sometimes with **Deb Wetmore**; have found a no-cost place to practice dance daily; and I've been having a wonderful time with my oil painting. My work is juried in regularly at the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville—an hour and a half away, and the drive is beautiful. What I miss most are my trips to Montreal. Can't go. The border is closed." • From Washington State, where he relocated from North Carolina after Hurricane Florence in 2018, **Sherb Merrill** shares: "Susan and I are doing well, considering. We bought a house about 25 minutes from my son and family. Both grandchildren are off to college so even family things are pretty quiet around here. Our doctor has ruled out any plane travel at this time, so we missed a planned trip to Maine in September and will miss a Christmas visit to Susan's sister in Connecticut. Hopefully things will loosen up in 2021 and we can double up on things missed plus the Reunion. I turned 82 last month, but I'm still getting in a couple of rounds of golf each week, weather permitting." • Another West Coaster, **John Howard** in California, checks in: "Lee and I have been hunkered down since March, seeing only local family and only then outside and with appropriate separation. We've canceled several road trips, first for the virus and most recently for the fires. There are those who say that what with the fires, sea-level rise, lousy air quality, high taxes, and who knows what else, California has forever lost its attraction and that we're in for a long slow decline in quality of life. I'm betting that it will be slow enough to be of little import to a couple of 80-plus-year-olds. Still, I'd be happy to trade a few hurricanes for some of our wildfires. Let's hope travel is possible before fire season begins next year because it really is nearly unbearable much of the time, once the

forests begin to burn. I've built a few boats over the years, including a sweet sailing dinghy for the frostbite fleet back in Jamestown, a 21-foot single scull, and now this Adirondack Guideboat. It's been a fun project that has seriously challenged my woodworking skills." • **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** enjoyed the fall weather during a trip to Middlebury, where they say things are shaping up and the deep train tracks are impressive. They were with their good friends Bruce '55 and Sue Heyer Byers '55 at their abode in Cornwall with fantastic views of the Adirondacks! Breck reported a recent long conversation with **Bruce Burnham**. He and **Genie (Cannon)** are doing fine in Atlanta. Breck and Sue hope our Reunion next June will happen. • And speaking of Middlebury, **Russ Leng** adds: "Cilla and I have had a quiet summer and fall, with the pandemic keeping us from traveling. Fortunately, Middlebury's rural location allows us to enjoy Vermont's beautiful outdoors. It was oddly quiet in Middlebury this summer, with the downtown closed for construction, although that was fun to watch, and no students. We were a bit apprehensive about the return of students this fall, but so far, we have been impressed with the protocols that the College has put in place for the safety of all. This past May I finished my term on the Board of Trustees, and the pandemic has ended my January-term teaching. I now feel like a true retiree." • Meanwhile, back in August, four classmates who were postcollege roommates got together remotely. **Polly Philbrick Ray** and **Caroline Vinciguerra Cassels**, who shared an apartment in Maryland from 1960 to 1961 before each was married, zoomed with **Nancy Hill Griswold** and **Nancy Mumford Mulvey**, who spent several years in an apartment in Boston (together with **Pat "Scout" Watrouse Messer** and **Loey Boon Hill**.) Doesn't replace meeting in person but it is the next best thing. • **Lee Farnham** contributes an amazing feline conversation: "We're pretty much confined to quarters since COVID-19 began, which thrills our dogs and cat, who feel that it's simply what 80-somethings are supposed to do. Their answer to what comes next is a 35-foot RV. Here's a summary from our cat (Reina) who has caucused with Jose and Katie (Bichons). I've been teaching Reina English, which she's getting better at, how to spell, and how to use an iPad. She plans to attend the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference next year: 'Reina kat hear. Me Papa, konfined two quarters, haz bin teeching mee inklish, spellink unt Howe two use iPad. Dis wuz inn anser two Dee Virus dat maid hem cancel hes birding treep two NM unt AZ. Dey den whirr goink saleing on Dee Lewis R French windjammer ex Camden, ME butt dar wuz xx'd two, sew dey decided two putt awl on de LX reunion inn Midd, butt ewe no Howe dat ends. Sew weir awl gitting to no NJ, unt r gewing two Cape Mayo, Long Beach Island, Lambertville fer a knight ore two sew der vill bee moor tempo fur down-sizing, witch hee reesits



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some (butt not az much as hee deed). Whut iz Sertan iz dat oui tres animules luf Dee more atenciones, witch wee Return in espadas, all dough Oui dew wonder eff itz two gud two be trew. Won ting dey haf taut usn iz to Vote early unt to Vote often, sew weir gitting reddy two geau two da poles (butt dey vote absentee sew der vill bee a record uf der votes). Hour beast witches two awl Midd alum.” • Our esteemed class correspondent **Jean Seeler-Gifford** has taken on a new challenge! It involves actual bicycling on a virtual biking adventure. As of the date of this entry, she had completed 220 actual miles of her 1,064-mile challenge. Please note also that Jean has changed apartments and her address is now 10 Merchants Row, Apt. 332, Middlebury VT 05753. • Lastly, we are saddened to report the death of **Pieter Schiller** on September 7. A business economics major led Pieter to a notable 25-year career with Allied Signal (now Honeywell International) and then almost 20 years as a general partner at Advanced Technology Ventures, focusing on investment in the health care sector. Over the years he also served on the boards of many nonprofits, including the Middlebury Alumni Association (president 1994–96), Concord (Mass.) Museum, and St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church in Chatham, Mass. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Betty, who attended many Reunions with him, and his two daughters and their families.

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**61 REUNION CLASS** **David Crowley** and wife Barbara have moved to a senior independent living facility in St. Louis. David writes that they love it!—a common response from others who have made a similar move. A week before his 81st birthday last December, David retired from Washington University, where he taught statistics. He published the book *Azor of Marblehead* about his mother’s life and career as an author. More information is on David’s website, [www.davidcrowley.com](http://www.davidcrowley.com). • **Sandy Anderson Bolton** sent “summer news in strange times.” After weeks at home alone in Denver, she spent the summer in Aspen/Snowmass, even though all festivals were canceled. Much of the music was streamed so aside from listening to the music, she kept her sanity with walks and hikes and baking bread, scones, and best of all, cinnamon rolls. Sandy is an avid online bridge player. She says, “Stay safe everyone and let’s get together for our 60th next year.” • We received word that **Robert Fryberger** died on September 13. Bob and his wife, Angelica, would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on September 17. The class sends its condolences to his family, especially his brother, our classmate, **Jerry**.

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**62 Brenda Behan** sent an update on her life: “I worked for the UN for 22 years as a translator from Spanish and French into English on staff and then on a contractual basis until fairly recently. I am mainly retired now, although I occasionally do some translation for the World Bank. I have a pretty large family: two children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, living in New York and New Mexico. I’ve led a peripatetic life, moving from New Jersey to Colorado, New Mexico, France, California, Chile, and New York, and working as either a teacher or translator. I now live in Ossining, N.Y., and have been spending my alone time watching movies, learning Italian, knitting, and playing the uke. I’m also keeping busy doing outdoor walks and Zoom parties with friends and family. I had to cancel four trips this year! But I am one of the lucky ones. Many people have suffered much greater misfortune, including the death of loved ones and the loss of homes and jobs. My heart goes out to them.” • Sadly, we learned that **Pete Shumway** died on June 20. **Liza Dunphy Fischer** writes, “I remember Pete from Mountain Club and then we co-chaired Winter Carnival. He was a really nice guy and organized. I do remember that he was responsible for getting Cannonball Adderley!”

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**63 Kitty Clapp** reports she is working harder than ever, because there is so much going on in Burma/Myanmar, where she is still very much involved. She works with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), which has a program on the ground in Yangon. All of the staff are now working remotely, of course, but that doesn’t seem to slow things down much. She does a lot of writing and analysis for publications for USIP, and traveled to Burma in February and March to meet with top government people and the many friends there she has made over the past 20 years. She returned to her home in Washington, D.C., in time to go into self-quarantine and perpetual lockdown. But she says she lives in a very quiet neighborhood and has a daily doggie playdate with a handful of friends. She’s finding that spending time together with the same people and talking at length has grown these friendships immensely. “It’s kind of nice to be stuck at home with a captive neighborhood,” she says. With her work, family, and social life, she manages to stay well-connected to so many generations on so many levels in so many countries, hence she reports she is not suffering the loneliness and isolation from the current situation that others might be experiencing. She is in regular contact with Andy ’62 and **Carol Keyes**

**Ferrentino** and Tom ’62 and Marren Ward Meehan ’62, as well as other Midd mates who visit D.C. But she does look forward to the day when it will be possible to see old friends face to face. • We are sad to report the death of classmate **Steve Wilkerson** in Hanover, N.H., this past April 24, after a long battle with cancer. He majored in geography and was a member of ATO at Middlebury. After graduating, he served in the Army Intelligence Corps. He then went to work for Nabisco in 1966 and managed to survive at least five takeovers during his 35 years with the company. He loved the family’s second home on Martha’s Vineyard. Two of three children are also Midd graduates: Tracey in 1996 and Jim in 2001. **Chuck Burdick** writes that because of COVID-19, the church service for Steve was done via Zoom with only immediate family actually attending. Classmates **Dave Taylor** and **Dan Phillips** were virtually there as well. • **Charlie MacCormack** reports he is sheltering in place at his home in Easton, Conn., during the pandemic, but has been able to spend six-foot distancing time with his two granddaughters, Harper (3) and Macauley (10 mos). He spends his days coteaching at Fairfield University in his role as Visiting Distinguished Professor of Humanitarian Ethics, as well as conducting guest lectures at Middlebury, Harvard, and Yale, now all on Zoom. He has spent the past eight years teaching at one or another of those three institutions, after his 18 years serving as CEO of Save the Children. He also serves on seven nonprofit and corporate boards—far too many, he says, but these commitments do keep the days filled with purpose, along with daily walks in the woods. • **Dave** and **Mary Leslie Hanscom** are staying pretty close to home these days. Both of their sons live in the Northwest so they do not have the chance at this point to visit with them or their grandchildren. Dave says, “Fortunately we live in a small town on the edge of the forest, so going hiking is safe and easy.” Dave is proud to note that his oldest grandson was a freshman at Midd last year and a fourth generation Midd Kid. Like most college students, he returned home in March and finished the spring semester in his home in Seattle. He is an involved member of the Ultimate Frisbee team. • A significant honor has been given to **Bill Delahunt**. The Norfolk County Superior Courthouse in Boston, where he served for many years as district attorney, is being renamed the William D. Delahunt Superior Courthouse. The dedication ceremony was to be held in October but has been postponed due to the COVID-19 virus. Congratulations, Bill, on this recognition of your many years of effective service to your community. • **Peter Schosberg** reports: “Believe it or not, after hunkering down at home in Florida for three months, I started getting busy at work—still working after 55 years as a manufacturers rep in the high-end men’s clothing business, although I have cut way back on travel.” He says he still has time for tennis three times a week—notwithstanding aged knees and shoul-

ders—and is enjoying the proximity of the rest of his family. Wife Robin has retired after more than 40 years in both nursing and executive positions with major managed-care companies. He and Robin have been sheltering in their home, located in a golf and tennis club in West Palm, but even though they can't play either sport, they have been able to be outdoors, to walk, bike, and interact with neighbors and to improvise happy hours in driveways, while maintaining proper social distancing, of course. • **Roger Ralph** has been a Boys and Girls Club volunteer for decades and serves on the Boys and Girls Metro Baltimore board. He notes there are only four clubs in Baltimore, compared to, say, Milwaukee, which has 46 clubs. He is working hard to increase this number in the Baltimore area by utilizing sites in schools and increasing work-site partnerships. Promoting this organization and support for it has been a significant goal for Roger for some time. "I believe every single club would welcome someone interested in becoming a regular volunteer or a financial supporter. The Boys and Girls Club of America website provides a good overall picture of the work of the clubs," he says. Roger initially wanted to work with kids directly, but because of his business experience, he became involved in assisting the management side as well. Roger is happy to talk with anyone who might want to learn more about his organization. Contact him as Rogerralphllc@aol. • **Patty Fruehling Frazer** checks in with fun information. Her husband of 35 years got her involved again with golf in a serious way and it has become an important part of her life. She has played competitively both at the club level and in tournaments around California. She claims she never was a top tier golfer, but she's usually able to qualify for tournaments and in the process has made great friends. In recent years she has been on a committee that puts on three women's state championships annually. She also has been quite involved in the California State Junior Championship in Monterey. She says it has been a real treat to be involved with these girls and a pleasure to watch them grow and develop. She's also served for 18 years on the board of trustees at the Athenian School in Danville, Calif., where both her sons attended, and she has thoroughly enjoyed this involvement. With one of her sons and her brother living in the Sun Valley, Idaho, area, Patty and her husband now spend about six weeks every summer there, where she volunteers for the Sun Valley Writers Conference—which is a blast she says. —Class Correspondents: Bruce Bailey (brucevbailey@gmail.com), 16234 41st Ave. NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155-6728; Janie Bachelder Johnson (petesgirl1222@gmail.com), PO Box 124, Danby, VT 05739; Larry Ring (lwrbr@msn.com), 7248 N. Cathedral Rock Rd., Tucson, AZ 85718-1380; Christopher J. White (crnbryest@gmail.com), 347 Duck Cove Rd., Bucksport, ME 04416.

**64** Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: Our indefatigable classmate **Roger Simon** is like the Energizer Bunny. He just keeps going and going and going. He has won a Best Actor in a Supporting Role Platinum Winner 2020 award from International Independent Film Awards for his role in Daniel Keith's multiaward-winning feature film *Love in Kilnerry*. Also, Roger next appears in Daniel Simon's *Another Year Together* at the Greenwich International Film Festival (GIFF) and in the soon-to-be-released *Cupid's Cupcakes*. In speaking with Roger, he updated me that *Love in Kilnerry* is going to be shown at the Newport Beach Film Festival this fall, which will be the first live festival since the coronavirus embarked. Roger is exceptionally proud of *Another Year Together* since it is directed by his son, Dan, and is part of GIFF, which went virtual this year. He noted that the film was nominated for the Audience Award and said, "The GIFF committee really loves our film. Everyone connected to the project—on screen and behind the camera—deserves to be proud of the result." While he values his acting roles greatly, his first love is the studio that he has run for 42 years to train actors, writers, and directors. As a matter of fact, the day I spoke with him, Roger was running a session for many of those actors, writers, and directors. Of course, it was being run on Zoom, thanks to that cursed virus. Nothing stops Roger. Aside from his theatrical activities, his other main love is softball, and he plays in the Poughkeepsie Senior Softball League. As we speak, I assume he's in the batting cage getting ready for the upcoming season. • We were saddened to learn that **Howard Cnaan** passed away in April following a sudden heart attack. After graduating from Middlebury with a degree in English literature, Howard went on to receive his master's and doctorate from Columbia Univ. in 1966 and 1972. He joined the faculty of Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., where he was a professor of English literature; served as president of the Faculty Assoc. for several terms; was chair for Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society; and was engaged in Mercy's first online teaching. Howard was a quiet but effective leader whose ideas were valued and sought out by his colleagues. Known for his wit, people loved Howie's plays, epic poems, and Christmas newsletters, and he kept lifelong friendships. Despite living with diabetes for 56 years, he practiced good health and enjoyed a vigorous and full life. His hobbies included gardening, playing bridge, reading, and film; he was known to enjoy competitive games of go, chess, and monopoly with his friends and family. Howard was a passionate baseball fan, rooting for the Brooklyn Dodgers and later the Mets, and his tenacity for the underdog permeated all aspects of his life. • Continuing one of our least favorite tasks, we are reporting the loss of **Connie Miner Hawley**, who succumbed to complications from the coronavirus. She was born and grew up in Garden City, N.Y., and graduated from high school there. After

graduating from Middlebury, she was a longtime employee of State Street Bank as a mutual fund accountant manager in North Quincy and Boston. Connie was a very active member of North Community Church for more than 40 years and was also a board member of the Community League and Sewing Seeds. She enjoyed quilting with a group of friends for many years. As well, Connie was an avid reader and loved boating in the North River. We will miss her. • Correspondent **Dori Ells Jurgenson** reports: I'm starting with some good news! Very best wishes go out to **Gordie Bingham**, who writes, "The news from here is that I've remarried, to a woman **Cindy (Petersen)** and I knew for 35 years. She's a native of Norway, grew up in Denmark, lived in South America for 10 years, and has been here in North Carolina for the last 45 years. We've both sold our houses and bought a place together in a nearby town—a new house, much in need of landscaping, which is her forte, having worked in that field either for garden shops or as an independent designer for many years. It's a very happy time!" • More happy news comes from **Julie Sage Day**, who says, "I sold my house in New Jersey last August after 30 years and moved to Virginia to be with **Ian Sanderson**. We bought a 1997 Catalina sailboat together last fall, but still haven't decided on a name. The boat has needed some work so we haven't actually sailed it yet, but will soon, I hope. Ian has been sailing for many years—me, not so much, but I'm learning. Ian and I reconnected at our 50th Midd Reunion and have been together ever since." • **Leigh Marr Knox** wrote in after the last deadline and says she is sad that she can't be out in the woods. She has been working as a seasonal campground host, and writes, "Last year I spent the summer volunteering in Sitka, Alaska, a truly wonderful place." It's another job casualty of COVID-19. She also said she is waiting on some hand surgery, delayed for the same reason. • **Alice Taliak Imbur** wrote that living through the pandemic, and "the long-delayed awakening of our cultural disparities of African Americans compared to the wider population of Americans, has been a sobering and enlightening experience to be a part of. Our Middlebury Class of 1964 entered into turbulent times as we graduated. The same can be said for the Class of 2020." Also it is a time of hope, that people might work together for the needs of all—wishes we can all share. • **Ann Messick Dunlevy** wrote that her husband had a cardioversion in May, successful but one never knows how long the effect will last. Otherwise, she shares the quarantine boredom felt by many, and lack of motivation to get things done, even with expanded time. She says, "I have no legitimate complaints, comparatively speaking. Both of our children still have jobs and paychecks and are doing well. Husband Jim was relieved that he is retired and didn't have to figure out how to teach online." (An aside here: I, **Dori**, DID have to teach online—interesting but not very fun or satisfying!) • To close this, it is good to hear some happy news.

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We continue to hope the worst problem is boredom, that people are being careful and staying well. We do live in interesting times!

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**65** Summer found many of us beginning to stir from being indoors and in seclusion from the novel virus for the months leading up to June. Still wary, still masking, still keeping physically distant, we missed our 55th Reunion but enjoyed the online hoopla that the College put on for us. Next year we are already on the calendar for Sunday morning Reunion breakfast at the home of Cy and “T” Tall. • In response to various national and global issues that have popped up and grabbed our attention as the world began to stretch after confinement, some of our classmates checked in with recollections, reflections, and reports. Did you know that several of our classmates post regularly on Facebook? You can catch the phenomenal photography of Libby Oliver, Tim Hopf, John Holley, and Grant Matheke as they travel somewhat close to home. • Anne Battle checks in saying that we’re all in the same boat: walking, reading, bingeing on a couple of TV shows we never watched, yoga. Her condo development’s social committee suggested “that we all come out onto our balconies at seven p.m. and sing ‘God Bless America.’ One of the homeowners plays the accordion (accordion!), and he played that as well as ‘The Star-Spangled Banner’ with lots of trills and embellishments. It was very special and quite poignant.” • Tim Carey reports, “Like most all of you, Mary (my wife and mother of our daughter, Zoe, who went to Middlebury, Class of 2016) and I are hunkered down. She, a bit younger, has told me that I am not allowed to go anywhere, so I follow her directives and stay put—except to keep my distance when I walk a bunch of miles each day with and without the dog. We are also working out with a trainer outdoors. Great stuff indeed. Only disappointment is that we had lots of travel in the offing, but we can just do it later when things settle a bit. And I am learning how to settle, not easy for me: reading, learning a new photo-editing program, writing to people of my past, and feeling in general pretty well. Sending all the best to you. Rock on, as they say.” • This came from Fred Stetson: “Members of our family (mostly my wife, Katie’s, relatives), including grandparents, uncles, boyfriends, granddaughters, connected online through a Zoom. It was a fun way to laugh, talk, sing, dance, and just enjoy seeing each other. Some added to the fun by wearing outrageous wigs. (About 15 participated. I read a few three-line haikus.) Thank you all for your news. It means a lot to be in touch.” • Ed Weissman has been working on a musical play (it’s really three short musicals that fit together), one of which is about the GREAT Anne

Brown, who not only created the role of Bess in *Porgy and Bess*, but while working with Gershwin as he composed, they both came to realize Bess was the co-lead, and Gershwin told her the opera would be called *Porgy and Bess*. Anne Brown triumphed in the role. She left for a concert tour of Europe and never returned to the U.S. In Europe she had the career and life she never could have had in the U.S. and from 1948 on, she was a Norwegian citizen. She was extraordinary. Ed writes, “How many Mozarts, Einsteins, Anne Browns have we thrown away? What diseases would have cures? What beauty would have been created? What wisdom? What decent and good citizens? We throw them all away. I love my Midd classmates. Thanks for listening.” • Michael McCann, who is staying safe on the New Hampshire seacoast, mask wearing and social distancing, was invited by his son, JB, who lives in Hanover, N.H., to spend a week of JB’s two-week vacation time cycling in New England. Both ride recumbent trikes. Following consultation with their respective PCPs, they quarantined for a week (slightly less than ideal) and then were tested for COVID before getting together in Hanover to start their vacation. Did you happen to see two recumbent trikes somewhere quiet in New Hampshire or Vermont or maybe even Maine? If so, I hope you put on your mask and said hello. • We are sorry to report the passing of Ruth Friedlander Huart in May of this year. Ruthie was stricken with an aggressive form of leukemia and is survived by her husband Max, sons David and Julien, and her sister Joanie. Following graduation from Middlebury, Ruth moved to Paris to study at the Sorbonne to earn a master’s degree. She taught at the Sorbonne and earned a PhD, beginning a distinguished career as a full professor, researcher, and writer of textbooks. Her focus was on oral English and grammar for French educators as she pursued her great love of the field of linguistics.

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**66 REUNION CLASS** We’re keeping our fingers crossed for a well world in time for our 55th reunion June 11–13, 2021! • Leslie Anderson Curchack reported in June that she was embarking on home sharing with her daughter and her family “as a strategy for more sustainable living at this time.” She was looking forward to more family closeness and economic security, as well as more freedom to travel (when the current crisis is over). According to Leslie, “Though the tradeoff is less personal space and independence, this new plan means I can actually be retired from my family therapy practice, though I’ll continue with my photography and art.” She’ll be hanging exhibits and producing annual calendars (www.earthlovinglens.com), as well as keeping up her commitment to citizen activism. Thinking

about her continuing Midd relationships, Leslie mentioned Ann Hotchkiss Johnson, and also Jessica Hord Noyes, who was at Middlebury from ’63–’65 but then went on to graduate from McGill. “Two years ago,” Leslie wrote, “we all went on a three-week road trip through Patagonia and had a magnificent adventure!” If other classmates have made life changes in response to the pandemic or have enjoyed adventures—of any scale—lately, please let your class correspondents know. Many of us have a little extra time for reading these days and would love to know what you’re thinking and doing. • Charles Billings, chemistry major, and wife Elizabeth Walker have a home in Ripton, Vt., with a magnificent view of the Green Mountains that includes vistas of ski trails at the Snow Bowl. At the urging of former wife Eleanor Motley Richardson ’69, he shares that he has authored *A History of Ripton, Vermont*, the first comprehensive history of Ripton. Of possible special interest to Middlebury graduates are chapters devoted to Joseph Battell and Bread Loaf Inn, the Homer Noble/Robert Frost Farm, poet laureates Robert Frost and William Meredith, and author William Hazlett Upson. Charles is now working on Volume II of this local history, which will identify in more detail many of the town’s residents, where they lived, and the locations of some of the old cellar holes on now abandoned homesteads. While Charles and Eleanor no longer share a marriage, they do share two incredible children, Charles Billings Jr. of Highlands Ranch, Colo., who is a computer technology CEO in Denver, and Elise Billings De, a Harvard associate professor of surgery with a clinical practice in urology at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. Elizabeth and Charles’s son Nathan also lives in Ripton and is an engineer working for Norwich Solar Technologies of White River Junction, Vt. While Charles was unable to convince any of his children to apply to Middlebury, he is still hopeful that one of his grandchildren might want to do so and join his namesake, great-uncle Charles Alden Billings, Class of 1886, and his aunt Marjorie Billings ’27. Ripton is not lacking for Middlebury College connections. Christmas Eve services at Ripton Community Church typically find Perry ’64 and Susan Easton Hanson ’64, Freeman Allen, Laurie Miner Cox ’71, and Barry Schultz King ’74 celebrating the holiday with their families and listening to Bill McKibben in the pulpit. • Don Myers sent this update: “Writing a class note this year is something of a life-affirming event. COVID has tried to put a damper on just about any social activity we can contemplate. However, I’ve been very lucky. I managed to get in a full week of skiing in Utah in late February. Early season skiing in Vermont was pretty good. I did give up my PSIA Level III certification this past year. I’m still skiing well, but after 50+ years of on-again-off-again teaching skiing, I figured enough is enough. I still work with a few old clients, but that’s it. I just ski for myself now, or with the group I may be lead-



ing on a day trip to Vermont. After COVID locked us down, skiing was finished, but March and April turned out to be warm enough so I could switch back to cycling. I'm still leading two to three rides per week of 30–70 miles. I used to do a century ride every year, but now find that I'm bored after about 70 miles. One big change this season is a new Specialized Creo e-bike in July. I had to swallow my pride and, gulp, go for a little help. I can now keep up with the 40–50-something hot shots who sometimes join my groups. If any of my classmates are considering riding, try out an e-bike, preferably one that weighs less than 35 pounds. If you can't lift it over your head, you probably don't want it. The family is all doing well. I don't know anyone who has had the virus. I don't see my children or grandchildren often, but that's geography. I'm sure others of us have the same problem. We sold our Martha's Vineyard house last August, so avoided the rental mash-up this season has been. All the kids have gone, and keeping up with a 150-year-old cottage is more than we wanted to continue with. Besides, Sue's sisters each have a house on the island so we are always welcome to visit. Life is good. God willing I think I'll stick around for another year. Hope to see some of you out there skiing or cycling, or maybe the golf course, but I'm not sure if I'm old enough for that yet."

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**67** From correspondent **Susie Davis Patterson**: While embedded in the Summer of Coronavirus, I was treasuring, in a new way, my Midd-mates. Some examples: weekly early spring walks of our shared pooch, Tillie, with **Jim Adams** and wife Barb; sitting at my Dancing Pines outdoor lunch table, six feet away, but feeling close to **Freddie Mahlmann** on one occasion and **Sue Rugg Parmenter** on another; joining three other Midd Kids (**Helen Martin Whyte**, **Kathie Towle Hession**, and **Charlie MacCormick '63**) and four others—all of us with ties to the Camino de Santiago—on a fundraising walk for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital on the Northern Rail Trail in New Hampshire; message exchange with **Fred Myers**, still living in Western Australia, confirming individual plans to again travel to each other's home places once it's safe to do so; old roomie **Margot Childs Cheel** sending a great Midd reunion photo of **Tommy** and me to help acknowledge our 50th wedding anniversary, even though I was not allowed to be with Tom at his residential care facility because of COVID-19; a loving testament to Tommy and me from our mutual Midd friend, **Bill Hays**; a supportive-friend email from **Jon Berger**, who mentioned working on still another book based on his canoeing exploits; seeing **Dave Tura**'s photo of his well-tended, productive vegetable garden on social media—as a fel-

low summer gardener, I am an impressed fan; assisting **Anne Daignault** in her efforts to buy a summer camp on my road on Lake Dunmore (she lost out on that one, but we are focused on a great rental on the lake in my neighborhood for next summer); a regular support-each-other phone call from **Linda Morse** and husband Tim Caufield—those feel so good; exchanging competing photos of Oklahoma vs. Vermont garlic scapes with **Robin Flint Ballenger**; updates from **Livvy Barbour Tarleton** on their extra-busy summer season at Sunset View Farm in Winchenden, Mass.; periodic Zoom meet-ups of alums of '65, '66, and '67 set up by our 50th Reunion leaders at the College, and thereby making a new friend, Mark O'Reilly '66; lots of positive, encouraging replies from Wof67 to the notice that we must POSTPONE (not cancel) our fall gathering in Pittsford, Vt., to same time, same place, 2021; an email from **Alex Taylor**, doing his best with his Parkinson's, and implicitly expressing the wish that he could join the men of the Class of '67 gatherings; and, finally, feeling inspired by a social media post by **Paul Ford**: "Life is about relationships, how we care for one another, what we do for one another, and standing for what is for the common good for all creation." May it be so. Here's hoping your quarantining is being sustained by your caring relationships and families, including your Midd family. The second volume of **Richard Hawley**'s well-received memoir *On My Way Out*, titled *On My Way Out II*, has just arrived from **Roger Lathbury**'s Orchises Press. This latest installment continues the saga of Rick's literary and personal explorations, with a side view of classmates, who those from the Class of '67 will remember, as well as a wealth of the Hawley wit, wisdom, wiliness, and wonder. If you missed Volume I, that one is still available. • Your correspondents would love to hear from you and have you share your tales from COVID quarantine. Our contact info is below.

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**68** **Steve Darling** writes, "My number one job these days is to travel. So glad to have done as much as we did before COVID changed the world. Last November Linda and I took the journey of a lifetime: National Geographic's 'Around the World by Private Jet.' Absolutely sensational. It was 23 days with visits to Machu Picchu, Easter Island, Samoa, Great Barrier Reef, Angkor Wat, Katmandu, Tibet, Taj Mahal, the Serengeti, Petra, and Marrakech. Just extraordinary to see the amazing variety of geology, flora, and fauna in the world along with the incredible range in the styles of human occupancy on the planet from the ancient to the modern day. Everything about the trip was wonderful and so



Operation Ferdinand Class of 1965 team in 2015: Joe McLaughlin, Carolyn Breckenridge Gregg, Dan Mulvihill, John Kingman, Julie Marble Emerson, and Francis Love. (Dan Mulvihill??)

Joe McLaughlin claims that he and seven classmates returned to campus on Reunion Weekend despite the college's cancellation of the event and state COVID-19 shutdown rules. Their mission was to enact, for the third time, a senior-year prank, albeit with a dramatic twist. In their first attempt in 1965, the men failed to insert a life-size replica bull taken from the roof of Middlebury Beef Supply into Forest Hall, then reserved, of course, for senior women. At their 50th Reunion, in 2015, the Operation Ferdinand team, now including two female classmates, finally completed the mission when the bull appeared at a breakfast in Forest for the women of '65. Joe claims the original prank was a protest against the College's restrictive rules on women's social lives in the '60s. Not satisfied with commandeering the same "virtual" bull in 2020, Francis Love captured a real bull, which they masked so it would not be publicly shamed for flouting shutdown rules. Joe refused to confirm or deny rumors that the June 5 event was actually a cross-country gathering held via Zoom and that some "doctoring" may have occurred in the photo.



Operation Ferdinand Class of 1965 team in 2020: Joe McLaughlin, Carolyn Breckenridge Gregg, Dan Mulvihill, John Kingman, Jed Maker, Julie Marble Emerson, Bob Royer, and Francis Love.

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worth it. We followed that up at the end of January with our Antarctic journey: absolutely spectacular. Between the ice formations and the animals, it is truly an out-of-this-world place. So with our little jaunt last August to the Baltic and Iceland, we visited all seven continents in eight months. In addition, we even managed to sneak in a trip to Denver and had a very nice lunch with **Tobi Gray Watson!** Many other destinations still on the list—sadly now subject to quarantines, of course.” • **Peter Knobler** reports, “In October I became a double-grandpa. My son and his wife live in Nashville, where he’s a music producer (Lake Street Dive, Caroline Spence, Rodney Crowell) and is doing pretty much everything I ever wanted to do except play shortstop for the Yankees. This week I’ve spoken individually with **Ed Goldberg** and **Joe Patute**, both former roommates. We’ve determined that we’re closing strong.” Do check out Peter’s website to see his incredible work at [www.peterknobler.com](http://www.peterknobler.com). • **Marilyn Simon Margon** writes, “Warm greetings to my Middlebury classmates. I hope everyone is healthy in these days of a new and unfathomable frontier. Arthur and I live in Manhattan and left the city at the beginning of April as COVID raged in. We have been living in the small town of East Chatham in upstate New York, where the COVID rate has been vastly lower than in NYC. Our son, Andy, and his wife, Zoe, joined us and both have been working from here. Who would have dreamt that life could change so fast—that the Big Apple would entirely shut down and the streets become ghostly? Our upstate friends have started new gardens and so did we. This is our first foray into planting veggies and trying out neighborly advice on how to keep the animals away from our simple, mesh fencing. When not weeding, we visit with a few good friends—all of us masked and chatting on properly spaced outdoor patios. We are lucky to be in Chatham, but we do miss the city. One particularly nice event that has developed from a former circle of Midd-freshette friends (all living in the Battells) has been a biweekly Zoom call. Organized by the intrepid **Susan Caughman**, our group includes **Susan Hastings Chandler**, **Elizabeth Bacon Strain**, **Kathy Bugni Etkin**, **Nancy Wolfe Krisel**, **Nancy Cahill Mercer**, **Sheila Deming Brush**, **Ann Masotti Hengerer**, and **Margaret Dale**, and your faithful correspondent. It has been great fun and interesting to say the least, to re-establish these ties.” • **Robert Weiser** reports, “I am still in Palm Springs, Calif., an idyllic place for me that contributes to a state of near-perfect happiness in spite of the occasional 120-degree summer days, my aches and pains, my cognitive lapses, the perils of the current administration, the powerful pain arising from our persistent failure in social justice, and my grandchildren residing 2,500 miles away outside Boston. Nevertheless, I embrace ‘Gratitude’ and ‘Love’ every day as best I can. After my trip to Europe a couple years ago and my yearly trips back East, I really have no more wanderlust. So many of my friends

here (the wealthy ones) travel around the world and I vicariously enjoy the beauty, etc., of the world through their photos and videos. To alleviate the main source of aches and pains, I had wiring inserted through my spine and a battery was placed in my lower back during that surgery. So I have a remote control to adjust the intensity of the current if need be. I’m content with the results but adding another remote control to the inventory of household remotes adds to the frustration when one is trying to find the correct remote. Geez. I do need to remember to charge myself up every couple of days. I am a fanatic when it comes to Friday evening and Sunday afternoon ‘Tea Dances.’ I love to get my land aerobics by dancing my tail off for two hours and the music has a high concentration of ’70s music and I love nostalgic experiences. For more gentle exercise, I am a loyal member of the water aerobics group at my health club, which I try to attend at least five days a week. I was diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment a couple of years ago and the exercise program is a major part of the treatment plan. The impairment is of vascular etiology and to date has not impeded any critical daily activities. Cognitive lapses have become more frequent in the past year, but I am reasonably stable. Since I am in my mid-70s, I take the physical and mental issues in stride. I don’t fear aging or death. And with my oldest grandchild entering his sophomore year at Syracuse, I can’t deny that I am ‘old’ or my preferable label, a ‘senior.’ I am enjoying this stage of my life, and I hope my Midd classmates are too.” • Please note **Tobi’s** new address below!

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**69** We learned that **Jim Hoverman** is in the midst of a bout with colon cancer. Spirits are good in the company of **Ginny Hopper Hoverman**. • **Rick “Clubbo” Minton** reports that his family is well. Daughter Chelsea ’08 and husband Eric Ambrette ’04 are still in Boston, although they spent five weeks in Grafton, Vt., this summer at his family house. Clubbo and wife Ann and daughter Jess ’10 joined them for the Fourth of July. That was the first they had seen Jess in six months. She was locked down in NYC for months, escaped for a few weeks to be with Midd friends in Burlington, and worked remotely, relocating for a year at least. “Chels had the COVID-19 we/she think(s) back at the beginning but couldn’t get a test for it because of her age and lack of tests if you had no symptoms. She was pretty sick for 10 days or so, but has had no aftereffects.” Clubbo’s horse-racing novel *Cold Water* is now in a national contest for unpublished works and has passed the first hurdle. Still hopeful for a publisher, he is halfway through his next novel. Always the connector, he has been in touch with fellow DUs **Kevin Ducey**, **Jack Freshman**,

**Peter Montori**, **Davey Nelson** (doing much better than when his health canceled his participation in our 50th), **Dick Verge**, **Greg Lewis**, and **David Shimkin**. He visited with **Sydney Landon Plum**, **Terry’s** widow, who is moving from their home in Holyoke, Mass., to the Cleveland area to be near their kids. He has plans for a second mini-reunion next August with the same crew of shy-Midd alums. “The first one was a blast.” • Also seeking to get his work to the public, **Greg Lewis** is self-publishing his wonderful parable *Chasing Wonder*. Those of us who have read this epic poem recommend it to the rest of you. • **Bob Ekstrom** has informed us of **Andy Streit’s** passing in Florida after a long illness • I (**Peter**) am fortunate to have just joined the stented population. This summer we formed a pod for a few weeks by Lake Champlain with our daughter’s family of five, and then drove in our camper-home to Lake Superior to replace a septic system. • **Anne Harris Onion** writes, “Between email and Facebook, I’ve had the good fortune to be in touch with over 50 classmates in the recent months. Here are some of the themes regarding how we are all doing with this quintuple threat of political discord, climate crisis, social protest, pandemic, and economic uncertainty: For many of us, localized weather disasters (fire, flood, drought) and/or serious illness in the household have exacerbated all this stress as well. Many of us are politically active. Some are reading to further understand racial issues in our country, while others read for escape and entertainment! All are experiencing the profound sorrow of disconnection from family and friends, grandchildren, and the children who crazily thought it was a good idea to live in New Zealand, Australia, or Alaska. Many are wondering why they can’t get more done, when hypothetically there is more time available for all those projects awaiting. Many are dreading the coming colder weather, which may send us back indoors more. Most have found individual paths towards pockets of sanity—being outdoors, exercising, meditating, finding the beauty in nature, and staying connected with community, mostly through hours of Zoom. And speaking of that, we are all so grateful for all those tech ways to stay connected!! We are so thankful for all the reconnections at our 50th Reunion. And unanimously, we do NOT want to be referred to as “elderly”! • Please send us your news!

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**70** **Bill Wallace** sent us this news: “What a year—2021 can’t get here quickly enough! On the bright side, wife Suzanne’s health challenges are finally behind us (fingers crossed), so we have been able to get up to the Nantucket house and enjoy a change of scenery for the first time in years. I retired from the board of Brighthouse Financial

(MetLife spin-off) in June, and I'm enjoying a somewhat slower pace to my life. I'm still serving on two not-for-profit boards, which keeps me out of trouble, and out of Suzanne's way. I speak to **Tom DeRogatis** frequently, and see **Jan Rovelli** in NYC from time-to-time." • In Oregon, **Jo Wayles** writes: "I've appreciated being in Zoom touch with some Weybridge House pals over the last few months—we've sorted through each disaster-du-jour: COVID, RBG, wildfires (the Rogue Valley was hit very hard in the September 8 Alameda fire), and, of course, Trump. Thanks to **Nan Adams Roth** for organizing us! And may the voice of justice and freedom loudly prevail on November 3!" • From California, **May Coors** sent this update: "We have stopped watching television, and I don't read the news on my computer or phone so I have been spared the election craziness! I only go out to go swimming (yes, our pool is open: one person/lane) or to do grocery shopping: Friday night at 9:30. Our area (central coast) was devastated by fire in December 2017. There is relief here that it is not us this time but deep sorrow for those up north. We do smell the smoke and the sun is an eerie red ball at sunset. Of course Black Lives Matter! Our daughter was in Louisiana for the most recent hurricane but fared well. Life as a primary caregiver goes on and on—no special achievements other than staying on task. Ginny Irving '71 and I continue to talk every other week, which is a lifesaver for me. I did talk to **Kathy Wardwell Roser** a while back. She has her house on the market and plans to move to Idaho I think." • **Kathy Roser** confirms: "It has definitely been a strange year—in SO many ways! So sad that our Reunion didn't happen (in person, anyway) but now we have our 51st to look forward to next June, so I guess that's a silver lining. I sold my house in Durango, Colo., last week. THAT was strange and it was very hard to leave home and friends after 40 years, but it was part of the retirement plan. I'm in Sandpoint, Idaho, now and hope to spend the winter here, skiing around the Northwest (assuming there is still skiing in the time of COVID). And I hope 2021 will be a much better year!" • **Beth Prasse Seeley** reports: "We had a great interim opportunity to catch up with classmates on October 14, when our 50th Reunion committee (with huge thanks to Lyn DeGraff) hosted a series of Zoom get-togethers to talk about our Midd experiences from a variety of perspectives. Those who participated enjoyed it so much that we've decided to do another series of Zoom meetings in January! Stay tuned." • Meanwhile, check out a photo of classmates on page 63!

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**71 REUNION CLASS** From Stowe, Vt., **Pam Hanson-Leisenring** reports, "Our 50th Reunion committees have been Zooming since March. As a group, we came up with the idea of holding Zoom roundtable discussions to

get our classmates talking around a specific topic as we generate interest for our 50th. Lyn Degraff, our liaison in the Office of Advancement, has been guiding us through numerous aspects of our Reunion planning, including all the Zoom technicalities. Your trusty Social Committee is co-chaired by **Grove "Goose" Nichols**, **Brian "Iggy" Iggulden**, and me, with about 40 other classmates helping. I hosted the August music roundtable, joined by about 25 other folks. After each of us shared our top five or so favorite albums from our Middlebury years, the discussion just went with the flow. I've heard from a bunch of folks with songs they'd like the DJ to play at our Barn dance during the June Reunion. Keep those suggestions coming! **Dede Stockdell Welch** shared some awesome playlists she has compiled: MiddArt71 and MiddArt712, both available on YouTube. You'll be able to hear them live at the Reunion. We've also been tossing around the idea of having some jam sessions, so dust off those instruments. Grove hosted our second Zoom roundtable in October on the topic of 'Athletics and Fitness: Living Fully and Finding Peace of Mind as We Age.' To get us psyched to join the discussion, Grove created and emailed all '71ers a video that showed vintage photos from Middlebury, as well as photos of classmates, kids, grandkids, presidents, and icons participating in their favorite sports. As it turned out, both discussions ran the gamut from Middlebury legends to our present endeavors. If you have any ideas for future roundtables, please let your class agents know. The best part of these roundtables has been the opportunity to connect live with classmates we may not have seen for many years. It just makes me so excited that we will all be together next June. Keep your fingers crossed for an in-person 50th Reunion! • From Ontario, **Brian Iggulden** adds, "It has been a rewarding and pleasant task being involved in planning for the Reunion. Thank you to all those involved, as it is truly a challenging and unusual time, since we lack the person-to-person encounters. Special thanks to my co-chairs Pam and Grove for their support. It's frustrating not to be able to cross the border to visit Middlebury friends, and even more so to be unable to visit our son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren who live there. May a brighter time arrive soon." • From **Churchill Franklin** we heard, "Janet and I are looking forward to our remarkable Reunion and our Sunday morning brunch at our home in Cornwall, Vt. We have been here in Cornwall since March and are enjoying it immensely. We have seen a number of classmates, such as **Ann Einsiedler Crumb**, **Louise Boyd Cadwell**, **Dick Schroth**, **Lou Mills**, and golfing in Florida last winter with **Bob Israel**, **Grove Nichols**, and **Brian Iggulden**, as well as seeing **Judith Irving** (my Darien High School classmate) and others." • **Susan Fritsch Hunter** writes from Plymouth, Mass., that she and husband Bill enjoyed a relatively normal summer despite the pandemic. "We've kept up with our walking, tennis,

swimming, and babysitting our grandchildren, Cam (4), and Ellie (2). We managed to spend a week on Cape Cod and a long (and chilly) weekend in Maine in September. My freelance journalism work dried up because of COVID, but one of my poems on the topic of Plymouth's 400th anniversary was a finalist in the Plymouth Poetry Contest this past spring. I've kept up with **Cyndy Bronson Altman**, **Anne Lahey Kehl**, and **Diana Egbers Fanning** via Zoom, and I'm looking forward to seeing other classmates at our Reunion. It has been good to reconnect with many of them during Zoom planning meetings. I'm hoping that the Reunion can be in person and that this pandemic comes to an end soon."

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**72** No doubt we all have learned, explored, and endured a lot through the unexpected circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic. I (**Jennifer**) unexpectedly took up the hula hoop as a new home fitness program; didn't see that coming. Some in our class have admired new grandbabies only through glass windows. Others have attended weddings by Zoom. And still more have mourned the loss of friends and family from afar, unable to visit during illness or gather in comfort after a passing. However you are navigating these challenging medical, social, political, and economic times, know that your Middlebury classmates are in this with you. Best wishes for everyone's health and well-being in the New Year. • Looking further ahead, start planning today to celebrate our Midd connections—together, in person, we surely hope—two years from now at our 50th Reunion. Mark your calendar for a wonderful return to Vermont June 9–12, 2022. Yes, that's four days. The 50th Reunion will begin with special events on Thursday and run through the weekend. Maybe you've never been back since we graduated. Maybe you came to one or several or all of our Reunions. Either way, we want YOU at the 50th, our biggest Reunion ever! You won't regret it! • On our Middlebury '72 Facebook page, **Bruce Brennan** reports that while browsing a local antique mall, he found four "mid-century modern" Crest Room mugs for sale! (See photo page 75.) Bruce reminisced about "mini-ham-and-cheese omelets" prepared by Beverly and Helen. These memories prompted **James Gamble** to remember the Crest Room fried cakes and a breakfast of two eggs, bacon, and toast for 85 cents. Those were the days! • During her bout with cancer, **Catherine O'Neill Grace** was comforted by her memories of Beatrix Potter's garden from books she'd read during her childhood. Catherine recently wrote a delightful article entitled "A Visit to Eden" (published by *The Necessary* magazine) in which she describes revisiting that Beatrix Potter garden in



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real life after her ordeal with chemotherapy was over. Catherine is currently an editor and writer for the Wellesley College alumnae magazine and is at work on a memoir about her childhood in 1950s India.

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**73** It's so good to hear from you, '73 classmates! The pandemic has certainly reminded us how fortunate we are for our long-time friendships and the opportunity in today's world to keep in touch so easily over the miles, by phone (remember the lines in the freshman dorms while we waited for a free telephone?), by email, by video, by social media. We received several wonderful updates, one a life-story inspired by coronavirus, others, snapshots of the times. • **Larry Novins** writes from Montpelier, Vt., "As we grapple with COVID-19 and our changing crazy world, it's a good time to look back and reflect. My Middlebury undergrad career spanned five calendar years and included one summer at the Russian School and three summers working for the College. I graduated one year late, 1974. I missed what should have been my senior year, recuperating after a motorcycle accident. In hindsight, my forced year off was my best academic move. I'd had a lackluster first three years. During my year off, I held three part-time jobs and was able for the first time to appreciate the value of a good education. When I returned to Midd in September 1973, I was motivated in a way I had not been before. I took a wider range of courses (no longer just Russian and poli sci). Academically, my senior year was by far my best. My first postgraduation job was maybe one of the most fun jobs I ever had, working at the Middlebury Language Schools as an assistant to the director. I was lucky enough to have that job again for the summer of 1975, then—reality. What the hell am I going to do with a Russian major, no job, no prospects for continued employment at Midd? As luck would have it, my family moved to Albuquerque. I went out to visit them and ended up unemployed in New Mexico. Within three weeks, a couple of chance encounters led me to apply for a paralegal course at the Univ. of New Mexico School of Law. The class met at night, all subjects taught by attorneys who specialized in particular branches of law. During the mid-class break in a torts class, I went up to ask the teacher a question. "Do I know you?" he asked. "I feel like I do." I responded that I had only been in the state for about three weeks. No matter. He told me to call him and come to his office. I did. He offered me a job as a paralegal. What a life-changing event! His small firm was probably the best personal injury plaintiff's firm in the state. A fabulous learning experience. I worked with the three lawyers there on all sorts of interesting cases. I evaluated evidence, interviewed witnesses, did some legal research, organized evidence for trials, and got to sit with the at-

torneys as they tried their cases. I quickly realized that I would like to do what they were doing, actually trying cases in court. I applied to law schools. That's when I realized how the success of my last year at Midd opened career paths for me. The Univ. of New Mexico School of Law looked at my Midd record, saw that my last year showed some promise, and as the admissions dean told me later, they "took a chance" on me. Phew! I knew I wanted to be a trial lawyer. But, halfway through my first year of law school, another big surprise. Criminal law captivated me. I audited an evidence class that was not normally available to 1Ls. The next fall I took an evidence/trial practice course, then a semester litigation program. I actually tried three criminal cases and one civil case before I got out of law school. I was hooked. The Albuquerque Public Defender's Office offered me a job. I accepted, passed the bar exam, and started on an October Monday in 1981, right after I was sworn in. My goal: more trial experience, then return to Vermont. Thirty-two trials later in May 1983, I moved back to Vermont, passed the bar, and started work in Middlebury for a small firm. Not a great fit. But a public defender position opened up in 1985 and they hired me. I joined the Rutland office and after three months was the senior attorney. Our motto: "A reasonable doubt for a reasonable price." That year I joined Tom Carlson '78 to teach a law course at Burlington College. In 1990 I became the Addison County Public Defender. I drove from home in Cornwall all of six miles to Middlebury. But the time saved no longer commuting to Rutland was eclipsed by hours worked. There were way more cases than I could handle. I kept a frantic pace as a public defender for 16 years. Running the office was in some ways the best job ever. But that pace. You can train and run a marathon, but you can't run one every day. On September 11, 2001, I decided it was time to move on. I had no plan, no idea even if I wanted to continue to practice law. I thought I might go into teaching. I did some substitute teaching, elementary through high school. One of the best things that happened in that transition time was when the director of the Ski School at the Snow Bowl asked if I would like to be a ski instructor. Full disclosure: I skied (an exaggeration) two seasons at Midd while in college and was terrible at it. I took it up again at 35 and fell in love with skiing. I was not that good a skier, but Dwight Dunning '67 said I could communicate well and that they'd work on my skiing. Lots of ski clinics later, I did improve. And, as I told many adult ski students who said they were too old to learn, "if I could learn in my mid-30s, you can too." I taught at the Bowl for 15 years. I also returned to law. A public defender friend told me about a job with the Vermont Secretary of State in Montpelier. It involved conducting licensing hearings, representing licensing boards, drafting and advocating for legislation. I got the job and worked there for 16 years. A great job that unlike my public defender job, allowed me to have a normal life with time to enjoy

other things. Music and more law activities. I got to play in a couple of bands. About one year after I started working in Montpelier, I was asked if I would like to help coach a trial practice team at Vermont Law School. That evolved into teaching a trial practice course and part of the evidence course. Sharing the ins and outs of presenting evidence and trying a case to this day remains tremendously satisfying. Now, with COVID-19, I am teaching remotely. I retired from my state of Vermont job at the end of 2018. Retirement didn't last as long as I expected. Eleven months later, I was asked if I would be interested in a 20-hour-per-week job as the executive director of the one-year-old Vermont State Ethics Commission. I got the job. Between organizing and running the office, drafting legislation, testifying at the legislature, responding to ethics complaints, and doing ethics trainings—it's been a busy year. I had not realized the extent to which this newly formed office required much more time and effort than I could provide in 20 hours per week. Now as we are in the age of the pandemic, I savor how very lucky I am. I can do my Ethics Commission work and teach from home. So far, knock on wood, I remain in good health. I live on a quiet road where I can take walks and not worry about traffic. How things have changed. I can't imagine a life now without the Internet. I'll stay in touch with family and friends, at least for the foreseeable future, virtually. Feel free to say hi by emailing me at lnovins@shoreham.net." • **Peter Hamlin** writes from Middlebury, "I retired last July 1 and have been teaching music theory at Midd as an emeritus prof this past year (the fall and spring courses for music majors). I had a fantastic group of students and we were having a blast. It was a big shock when we had to switch to remote teaching. The College acted quickly and wisely. On a Tuesday two weeks before spring break, we got a notice that students would leave campus at the end of that week (a week early), that spring break would be two weeks long, and after that we'd resume classes remotely. So I had one more in-person class, then had two weeks to retool. It was so sad to see dates pass by on my calendar: the recital dates, the dinner party/jam session I had planned with the class. It was very sad to see the empty campus during senior week, usually such a joyful time for celebrating great achievements with our students and their families. And we missed our multilingual town with the summer schools also not being on campus. All that being said, the academic performance of my students was excellent and I admired their good spirits and desire to learn, no matter the circumstances. **Chris (Robbins)** and I enjoyed our normal Vermont summer things—kayaking, hiking, swimming, BBQing, loafing, reading. We both have music projects, and Chris is busy working on town and environmental boards and getting really good at making face masks. Our neighbors are managing to keep in touch and we are grateful that there is so much to do here while social isolating. The

Vermont economy is gradually opening up and we celebrated our 45th anniversary with a wonderful garden-side dinner at Waybury Inn. One more complication—a huge construction project has been going on for three years in downtown Middlebury. It's an enormous project, addressing long-needed bridge replacement and railroad upgrades. I realize that many Middlebury students have never seen Middlebury downtown as we all remember it—just the temporary bridges, road bypasses, and construction sites and trucks and work crews that have been dominating downtown for these last few years. So, in terms of both construction and COVID, we are all very eager for 'normal' to return! Hi to classmates—please visit us when you visit!" •

**Catharine Norton Scherer** writes from the coronavirus front lines, "I am still offering harp music at the hospital for those who are dying, although I do not go into COVID rooms, of course. Our COVID numbers are increasing and the staff is becoming more stressed, so I play for them too. Of course I mask, wash my hands frequently, and take my temperature every day. I am also about to self-publish a book that I have been writing for many years. It's for readers around fifth and sixth grade (and adults too), part fantasy, part real with a conflict between a white, somewhat clueless girl and a black girl in her class. It seems rather timely actually. I will keep you posted." • **Rob Badger** found some happiness: "Last fall we decided to breed our chocolate lab, Hazel, because she had such a wonderful temperament. A neighbor had a willing male yellow lab with a wonderful disposition, so when ours went into heat in January, we got the two together. Just as the shutdown for the pandemic began, eight healthy pups were born: five yellows, two blacks, and one chocolate. We understand there is only one genetic combination that allows for all three colors, and we hit it. So for the next seven weeks we were busy with puppies, taking them out multiple times a day, keeping their pen clean, giving them turns to feed on mama, etc. We hardly knew there was a pandemic going on. Friends and neighbors were clamoring for a pup, which was one of the reasons we decided to breed. We kept one pup, Gunther, and gave the rest to friends, including one to our older son's girlfriend. We get together for playdates often with Gunther's brothers, four of whom are local, and see his sister whenever we go to our sons' brewery, Ausable Brewing Company, in Keeseville, NY." • **Franci Vinal Farnsworth** shared, "I'm retiring on July 2 after nearly 32 years working at Middlebury with various titles, office locations, and reporting lines but always in the role of supporting faculty grant-seeking. I've had a window on the awesome faculty at Middlebury—their research interests, work with students, their many contributions to the curriculum and the community. I'll miss that but I'm ready to move on—to have the time for multiweek vacations at the family cottage in coastal Maine, to finally deal with all the family memorabilia that's been piling up for years and to turn my mother's

notes into the book she envisioned, to do some traveling when travel is possible again, to allow myself the time to read books for the fun of it. And after this past spring, I also have a lot of books to read in a quest to better understand racism and how to oppose it." • If you are reading any good books on this topic and more, please send us your recommendations for our '73 book recommendations and we'll update the list, post it on our FB page, and send to anyone who'd like a copy. • Check out mini-reunion photos of classmates on pages 63 and 66. • Stay well, fight for equity, and be hopeful.

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**74** Last December **Kate Peterson Burr** and husband Chris '73 joined **Nancy Kolligian**, **Dave Mozes**, **Jan Higbee**, and **Steve** and **Vivienne Longo Trebino** for a holiday dinner. Lots of laughter and stories that night! See photo on page 63.

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**75** Hope you are all doing well during these strange times! Send me some news.

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**76 REUNION CLASS** We received no news for this issue. Please send us an email—you don't have to wait to be asked, just send us word of your latest doings. We have our 45th Reunion coming up next June, so here is a reminder from classmate **Jill Cowperthwaite** taken from her email to all of us: "Dear Midd Class of 1976ers, I have joined a group of our classmates to help organize our Reunion next year—whatever our Reunion may turn out to be. I have loved being involved in the past and just couldn't say no! This year and this time are obviously unique, and the College has been working so hard both to address the myriad needs of its students and to share its resources and programs with all of us. Whether it's a lecture, book club, exercise class, online magazine, interviews, or more, we have access to so many interesting opportunities as Midd alumni. If only I didn't have to work, I could stay busy and engaged 24/7! We look forward to being in touch over the coming months and send warmest regards to all!" Please keep an eye out for more information as June 10–13, 2021, approaches.

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While browsing a local antique mall, Bruce Brennan '72 found four "vintage two-finger" Crest Room mugs!

**78** **Philip Koether** married longtime partner Marc Curyer at their Manhattan home on June 26. The wedding was virtual and guests sent photos from as far away as Malta. (Congratulations!) But that's not all. The couple moved to Australia at the end of July. Philip has transferred his architecture license to Oz and Marc will be working remotely. Philip writes that they were thrilled to move to a country with fewer than 150 COVID cases at the time, gun control, universal health care, and no real estate taxes. "I feel like a kid again and I can't wait to design projects in a new economic climate, let alone actual!" • **Court Chilton** reports, "I'm still working full time on the faculty at MIT Sloan, doing a lot of online teaching for both MBAs and in executive education. Like most people, I've had to rethink everything about what/how I teach and facilitate. One daughter is in B School at Tuck, the other picks stocks in the banking and exchanges sectors for Capital Group. My wife, Collette, and I are both working remotely from Somerville, Mass., Williamstown, Mass., or Marin County, Calif., depending on the week. So far, we're coping pretty well despite the constant general anxiety our current administration and the climate are causing." • Meanwhile, from Colorado, **Jan Tropp Ground** writes, "Three years ago, I left Kaiser Permanente Colorado after 18 years with that fabulous organization. Leadership changed and the work was no longer fun. Interestingly, for the last 10ish years with KPCO, I led the Innovation Team, the Emerging Technologies Advisory Group, and finally, was the director of virtual care. So my virtual care expertise is now in demand and I'm really enjoying various roles, definitely not full

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time, and mostly not for pay, including Colorado liaison, Southwest Telehealth Resource Ctr and Colorado ambassador, Telehealth and Medicine Today among others. While I'm divorced and never had my own kids, I'm very close to my two stepsons. Between them, they have four kids; the oldest is four. SO fun! I run a few times a week and often walk on the other days. I've lived in Colorado for 23 years—came here to be with my future, now ex-husband. I absolutely love Colorado—people here are outdoorsy and healthy. I still ski (still not as good as most of you, but I ski blacks, generally avoid big bumps and admittedly will never ski in the Northeast again!). I'm very grateful to my ex for (1) getting me to Colorado, (2) my stepkids, grandkids, and (3) a hardtop convertible (lol). I have enjoyed considerable international travel over my married and unmarried lives; every continent except Antarctica! I do volunteer work—my favorite is holding babies in the NICU at Children's Hospital Colorado (not during COVID). I think I get more joy than the babies do! I knew I'd do this when I retired, since I started my career as a physical therapist at Children's Hospital Medical Center (D.C.) and All Children's Hospital (St. Petersburg, Fla.)." • Still in Washington, D.C., but with a new position, is **David Grier**, who notes that he left George Washington Univ. slowly over a five-year period as he became more active in the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) as well as in his own business. David is running the Global Public Policy Committee for IEEE as well as writing for many publications, including *IEEE Computer*, *Consumer Electronics Magazine*, and the *Communications of the Chinese Computing Federation*, the last of which, he says, "is published in Mandarin and is one of the pieces of evidence that I use to make the case that I am the sort of engineer that was produced by a liberal arts college. As for further evidence of liberal arts engineering, I'm serving on the board of trustees of the Shakespeare Theatre in D.C. and am the executive producer of the *How We Manage Stuff* audio theater, which includes another Middlebury alum, Zoe Anastassiou '03 (who is also a Feb like me), and the other David Alan Grier (who is not a Middlebury alum, sadly)." • Also in the D.C. area is **John Hyman**, who writes from Maryland, "I went to grad school at the University of Maryland in 1978, where I met my wife, Betsy Alperin." Both were teaching freshman English in adjoining classrooms and, following classes, bonded when they confessed to each other that neither was sure they knew what they were doing. In 1986, John joined the Department of Literature at American University. "I also taught English in an Upward Bound program for 10 years. At AU, I directed the Writing Studies Program from 2000 until my retirement in 2017. Betsy and I have two sons: Jake (30), who harvests human body parts (I'm not making this up) in Portland, Ore., and Max (28) who lives near us in the D.C. suburbs and manages a wine bar, having learned more about beer, wine, and char-

cuterie than I know about anything." Although John misses the classroom, he says, "retirement suits me. Days are filled with taking long walks, reading books, and catching up on all manner of popular culture, which escaped us while we were working. I also miss sweet New England, but we are grateful to be living in a blue neighborhood, in a blue town (Rockville), in a blue county (Montgomery), in deep blue Maryland." • Still living in sweet New England is **Jennifer Hunt Nicasio**, who dwells in Norwalk, Conn., where she and her former husband raised their four daughters. "I've been divorced for seven years but consider myself fortunate that two of my four girls moved back to the area, so three of my four grandkids are local. Even though I don't think of myself as old, the Jamma part is super. I am a financial planner and investment advisor for a midsize independent firm based out of New Canaan, where of 12 employees, 11 are women. It's a wonderful place to work and I imagine I will continue to work there past 70! It's very satisfying to help clients plan for their future, whether at our stage of life or a bit younger." And all is not work: "I took up rowing about the time I was divorced and I'm pretty addicted! I'm on the board of directors for the club, which is a nonprofit. We are in the process of trying to emphasize the 'community rowing' aspect with the hope that we can sponsor young adults from underserved families to grow and develop by being involved in the sport. My significant other, Andy, came to our 40th with me. He was extremely impressed by the campus, but more importantly by my interesting and friendly classmates. When we left, lots of us thought we should do a mini-reunion sooner than five years. COVID has made that impossible, but I welcome any virtual gatherings that we can pull off." • From Cleveland, longtime resident **Claudia Strong Fulton** writes, "I still live here, where we have deep roots and family. I worked part time for a relocation firm helping to acclimate people to Cleveland and all it has to offer. I was involved with a group who pushed to open a Nature Preserve along the shore of Lake Erie and now it is a birders destination. As birds migrate north or south, they have to cross Lake Erie, and they find their way to this spot to rest. It has beautiful views and is a special place along the shore. I was trained as a Eucharist visitor in our church, taking communion to older people not able to get to church but it's on pause now." Claudia and her husband have three sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren. "About nine years ago we bought a small place in Dorset, Vt.! We make the eight-and-a-half-hour drive about four or five times a year. We love being there in all seasons, hiking and skiing, and our New York kids are able to visit. A few Midd friends have visited there too. I play tennis, paddle tennis, and walk as much as I can in our urban neighborhood in Cleveland. I have done a ton of reading during this crazy time and we hope to get back to travel soon. Best to all '78ers and wishing all a healthy 2021!" • Thanks so much to all of

you who responded to **Jan Ground**'s email with fascinating news! (Evidently, the pandemic has granted people time to write.) There will be more in the winter class notes!

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**79** **Elibet Moore Chase** recently retired after 20 years with the New Hampshire Community College system, where she taught English composition and "Communicating Mindfully" and served for nine years as the Academic Advisory Center director. She and George live in Warner, N.H., and have three grandchildren. • **Andy Berman** and his wife are in Ketchum, Idaho, and recently returned from camping for three days in the Sawtooth Mountains. • **I (Henry)** and my 16-year-old son, Henry, spent four days canoeing the West Branch of the Penobscot River in Maine this fall. It was a great combination of paddling, fly-fishing, swimming, and eating. Also, five moose were sighted in one day. —Class Correspondent: Henry Heyburn ([brbeyburn@hotmail.com](mailto:brbeyburn@hotmail.com)).

**80** Please send us your news and let us know how things are going for you during these strange times. —Class Correspondents: Anne Cowherd ([annie.cowherd@att.net](mailto:annie.cowherd@att.net)); Kimberly Winick ([kimberly.winick@gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.winick@gmail.com)).

**81** **REUNION CLASS** News came from **Dave DePodwin**: "I retired in 2017 after 14 great years in outdoor retail management, the last 10 with the North Face. Never looked back especially as I don't miss the four- to five-hour commute to now battered NYC. I returned to my roots and earned several certificates in horticulture, specializing in landscape design. I love designing and growing residential landscape garden spaces and creating calming green spaces, a welcome treat in troubled times." Dave continues to live in Bernardsville, N.J., with his wife, Jeanne, close enough to see their two sons in Pennsylvania. Dave can be found on IG: @davedepo and #lacecaplandscapedesign. • **Ann Luginbuhl** reports that she has spent her COVID sequestering at home in Maine—WAY Down East on the Canadian border but still on the coast. She finished the 2019–2020 school year with her fifth through eighth graders remotely and then enjoyed a hot dry gardening season. Now she is in her 30th year in the classroom. "Our school is so small we can attend in person (I have 11 kids in four grades). We all have to wear masks but I am excited we got to go back. I have two children in their 30s (!)—both committed nonbreeders—so no grandkids. One lives in NYC and the other in Western Massachusetts. I like being in my 60s—it's kind of like wearing your favorite old sneakers, jeans, and a worn-out sweatshirt." She hopes all is well with the rest of



our class. • Here's **Rick Ryan's** update: "Greetings from Connecticut. All is well with my family (which now includes three grandchildren) but I thought I'd share some exciting, timely, and all-too-rare good news that came out a couple of weeks ago. The United States Golf Association has named my club as the host of the 2021 U.S. Senior Women's Open after canceling the 2020 event due to COVID. I will be the general tournament chair. Please visit Fairfield, Conn., next August 19–22 or watch it on television." • **Sally Rueger Barnes** writes, "It's hard to believe that I'm in my 16th year of teaching middle school French and Spanish in the small Westchester town where we have been living for 22 years! My husband is also a teacher in Westchester, and we both agree that this will be one of the most unusual and challenging years of our careers. We have tried to stay positive and hopeful in light of what is going on in the country and in the world. Our youngest daughter, Madeline, is in her junior year at the University of Vermont, and our eldest daughter,

Caroline, is living and working in France. Highlights of 2019 included celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Quebec, celebrating a milestone birthday with my dear friends from Middlebury in Ireland, and spending the holidays in France with the family. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our 40th Reunion in June!" • The Evans (**Joan Foster**) family is riding out the pandemic in Needham, Mass. "Like many I am working from home, Zooming far too much, and walking, walking, walking. I'm working with the Energy Facilities Siting Board as general counsel. My husband is also working locally. I have two sons, one in D.C. and one in Cambridge, Mass. My daughter is a junior at Midd. Rose plays on the Midd women's soccer team, which has enjoyed incredible success over the past two seasons. This year, we've missed traveling to Midd in the fall and watching the talented MWS team compete. We love Vermont and get up to the Killington area often." • **Alice Tower Knapp** reports, "I spent March and April this COVID year up at my

remote Alaska cabin with just my dog for company, working on a Nordic Skiing Assoc. of Anchorage history book while husband Gunnar hunkered down with his mother in Maryland. I actually enjoyed having time to focus on a project and get in a lot of late season crust skiing, and I even ran two–four miles 40 days in a row. Highlight of this summer was my daughter Christina's wedding (small immediate family only) at a friend's place on an Alaskan island." • During this time of COVID, **Cathy Cole-Diouf** has hunkered down at home with her husband and mother, for whom she is caregiver. "I am pretty content to putter in the yard, take walks nearby, and bike. I've finally started reading novels again—I never could manage that when the kids were home. So I'm filling in the gaps of my English lit. I was honored to serve on our city's George Floyd Police Reform Commission over the summer, which worked out well on Zoom. We have submitted our report. I also serve on the Plainfield Zoning Board, where I get to exercise my urban planning muscles. Both our sons

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS

### BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Author and poet **Carol Stephenson Nolde** (MA '64) recently published her latest collection of poetry titled *Emblems*. A native of Sullivan County, N.Y., her sense of history of the area and family history drives much of her poetry. • **Alfredo Celedón Luján** (MLitt '87) was recently named the president of the National Council of Teachers of English. A seventh grade English teacher at Monte del Sol Charter School in Santa Fe, N.M., he is the first Latino and first New Mexican president in the 111-year-old history of the organization. • A professor of English at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas, **Gary Montañó** (MLitt '04) recently published *From the Light to Forever: Composition, Structure, and Academic Language*. It provides students with a clear understanding of why academic language is important, how to expand their language use of academic language effectively, and how to improve their writing skills. • Congratulations to **Christopher McCurry** (MA '16), who was named Kentucky's High School Teacher of the Year. He has been teaching in the Fayette Public Schools for 10 years and teaches Dual Credit 101 and 102, sophomore English, and advanced African American literature. • **Tim Helfrich** (MA '18) recently joined the staff at Davidson College as a volunteer assistant soccer coach. Previously he was the head soccer coach at Loomis Chaffee and spent 10 years at the Woodlawn School, teaching English and serving as athletic director as well as soccer coach. The owner of Summit Coffee in Davidson, he and wife Beth have four children.

### BETTY ASHBURY JONES MA '86 SCHOOL OF FRENCH

In September, the Academy of the Holy Angels recognized the retirement of Sister **Diane Driscoll** (MA '70). Spending

the past five decades as an educator, she taught French and religious studies. • **Anne Craig** (MA '74) recently retired at the executive director of the Greenwood (S.C.) Arts Council. Joining the organization in 1997, she has been instrumental in expanding the arts scene and creating an arts center and gallery space in an iconic building in Greenwood. • **Tina Cane** (MA '93), poet laureate of Rhode Island, recently read her poetry via Zoom at a meeting of the South Kingstown Book Club. Her most recent book is *Once More with Feeling*. She is the founder and director of Writers-in-the-Schools, Rhode Island. • **Martha Gove** (MA '00) was recently profiled in *Detroit Legal News*. She works for the Michigan Advocacy Program's Family Law Project, representing survivors of domestic violence in matters of family law and personal protection.

### MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

**Hunter Sykes** (MAIEP '05) has produced a documentary titled *The Hunter Legacy*, a personal exploration of family legacy and the intensifying competition for resources between humans and wildlife in Kenya. Sykes had discovered old films, photographs, and journals at his family farm, which detailed a long trophy-hunting trip his grandfather and other family members had taken in the 1930s. Their guide was big-game hunter John Alexander Hunter, who was responsible for the deaths of thousands of animals in that time. Using his family heirlooms as a starting point for his documentary, Sykes, a self-described environmentalist, connected with Alex Hunter, the grandson of J.A. Hunter, who is active in efforts to protect wildlife in Kenya. In the film, Alex Hunter leads Sykes across Kenya and shows him the impacts of the human-wildlife conflict and population

growth. The story also weaves in their families' histories and compares images and films from their grandfathers' times with today. The documentary has received several awards in the film festival circuit, including Best Documentary from the Mediterranean Film Festival in Cannes, France. It can be seen on Amazon Prime. • **Anna McCreedy** (MAIEM '17) was recently recognized with a National NAFSA International Education National Rising Star Award. She works at the Berkeley International Office at UC Berkeley, where she is an international student advisor and the programming lead for the office. She is also actively involved in volunteering in the local international education community, acting as the chair for the NAFSA Northern California District, as well as a member of the leadership team for the Bay Area Young Professionals in International Education. She consistently mentors students and alumni in the IEM program at MIIS and participates in alumni career panels. The Rising Star Young Leader Award is given annually in recognition of a professional who has impacted the field of international education during the first five years of work.

### SCHOOL OF SPANISH

**George Henson** (MA '87) has translated the first book of a trilogy, *Trilogy of Memory*, written by Sergio Pitol, Mexico's greatest and most influential living author and winner of the Cervantes Prize. Titled *The Art of Flight*, this initial book takes the reader on a whirlwind tour of the world's cultural capitals as Pitol looks back on his well-traveled life as a legendary author, translator, scholar, and diplomat. • **Elmer Magana** (MA '02), who has been coaching JV soccer at Marblehead (Mass.) High School, was moved up to varsity coach in September. He teaches Spanish at Marblehead High and previously taught at North Andover, Mass.

now live in Northampton, Mass.” • In the spirit of adventure, **Chris Haskell** writes, “Greetings from Santa Barbara, Calif. Knocked off a bucket list item over spring break to celebrate my big 60th—I did a four-day stay (before COVID) at the Eiseman Hut, which is in the middle of the Gore Mountain Range and part of the 10th Mountain Division Hut system in Vail, Colo. Great alpine backcountry skiing, lots of snow, terrific views, and totally unplugged. Wife Pamela and five kids doing well. Looking forward to joining you in full retirement soon.” Check out a photo of Chris on another adventure on page 66. • **Karen Heston** reports, “After years spent in Colorado raising kids and running a small hedge fund, I am now moving to Manchester, Vt., to join an old friend as a partner in his financial advisory practice—looking forward to getting back into the Green Mountains. I will be looking for hiking/skiing pals, so if there are any classmates in the area that want some camaraderie or investment advice, please contact me at [kkym5596@gmail.com](mailto:kkym5596@gmail.com).” She was planning to be up and running by mid-October time, so she says, “Please give me a shout!”

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**82** As COVID-19 and its accompanying economic devastation began to seem irreversible last spring, **Meg Swift Staeben** got together with four fellow writers to bring out *Love Gone Viral*, an anthology of short romances set in the days of the coronavirus. The eclectic group of stories proves love can triumph in even the darkest days, and all proceeds from the sales of the book are being donated to World Central Kitchen and Feeding America. Meg writes as Meg Napier. Buy a copy today and help bring food to those in need. • **Keith O'Hara** has been elected as a corporate director for the Follett Corporation and will serve as a fiduciary and advisor to the CEO, CFO, COO, and three business units in K–12 schools, higher education, and public libraries. The company was founded in 1873 by his great-grandfather, CW Follett, and Keith is among the fourth generation of his family to lead and steward the company, which provides education technology, services, and print and digital content to 80,000 schools and over half of the students in the United States. • **Laura ten Broeke Rumbough** writes, “All is well with me and my family. In fact, in September, inspired by my 90-year-old dad, who drove from Vero Beach, Fla., to Seattle by himself in six days, Doug and I decided to

take a road trip to San Francisco to see our daughter. It was a fabulous adventure, with stops in Iowa, the Badlands, Black Hills, Denver (where we stayed with our newly engaged son and future daughter-in-law), Moab, Capital Reef National Park, Highway 50 (‘the loneliest road in America’) through Nevada and then to San Fran to whisk daughter Anna out of the city to find some fresh air, warmth, and a much-needed break for her! The trip was amazing. We realized how big this country is with such diverse and beautiful landscapes! We encountered all different weather conditions, from intense heat to snow to smoke to wind, rain, and everything in between. We loved camping out and also staying in charming motels along the way! We had a quick visit with Dick and Chris Goodman Smith ’81 and with Karen Eckrich ’80 in Fairplay, Colo., on our way out of Denver—always fun to catch up with Midd pals!” • **Lydia Mason Hill** shares, “I am excited to announce the start of a new business. Rapid transformational therapy helps people overcome all kinds of issues from addictions to anxiety to confidence. If anyone knows of someone who could benefit, I am now booking new clients! My daughter, Mariah, is doing art and lives in Pittsburgh. My son, Mason, is here in Vermont, figuring out his next steps. As you all know, Vermont is,

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despite the pandemic, still beautiful in the fall! Come and visit!" • An update came from **Kathleen Connor Neiley**: "I returned home to Jackson Hole, Wyo., in 2014 and lived in a one-room cabin for a few years, trying to find my inner ski bum. I can report great success in that area, and I'm now a PSIAA-certified ski instructor (alpine) at Grand Targhee and head Nordic coach for the littlest of the kids in Jackson as part of the Jackson Hole Ski Club, where I started out all those years ago. I also got the entrepreneurial bug and started a small craft sewing business in Wyoming, hiring disadvantaged women in rural communities to sew piecework for me and sell the products online and at juried art shows, farmers' markets, and retail shops. It's been fun, and I've learned a lot, mostly that I just really suck at business but can design good products. I worked a few seasonal hourly jobs to complete the experience, then finally moved to the other side of Teton Pass and bought a house in Victor, Idaho, where I now have a couple of SPARE rooms, should anyone wish to come ski or fish—a mere half hour from the South Fork, an hour from the Henry's Fork." • **Jon Anderson** writes, "With a heavy heart, I share the news that we've lost one of the best. **Curt Ehler** passed away Tuesday, August 18, at his home in Alton, N.H. My Stewart Hall third-floor freshman roommate became my best man and a cherished lifelong friend. We particularly enjoyed the last 15 years on Midd Boys trips to New Hampshire and Maine with **John Steinecke**, **Tex Elkin**, and **John Fairbanks**. Curt's quick wit, infectious smile, and readily shared opinions were special. Curt was truly one of a kind, and we will miss him every day. Curt is survived by his son Ethan, his mother Margaret, three sisters and their families and Ethan's mother Sandy Woehr-Blouin. On a brighter note, Kris and I celebrated 38 years of marriage in June and are loving life on Magic Hill in Hinesburg, Vt. It's only 25 minutes to either Mad River Glen or downtown Burlington. We've been blessed with two great kids; daughter Hillary is a pediatrician and son Alex is a naval aviator. We have three grandchildren and are lucky to have two of them living locally. We're looking forward to another great winter at MRG: Think SNOW!"

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**83** We recently learned that **Ted Truscott** has been named to the board of directors of the Greater Boston Food Bank, the largest hunger-relief organization in New England. The food bank has had a historic year during the pandemic, responding to the high levels of food insecurity, and has done so with resiliency. A very worthy cause!

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**84** If you have any news you'd like to share, please send it to us!

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**85** Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you!

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**86 REUNION CLASS Scott Tucker** sent word about a new book. "I still do a lot of running and just published a beautifully illustrated book on running track intervals called *Running in Circles: Sciency, Gamey, Head-Scratchy Track Workouts for Faster Running*."

He says the book will appeal to all readers, even if they are not runners. • **Rich Belanger** reports, "I started a new job as EVP of product development for Applied Systems, a leading cloud provider for the insurance industry. I've been alternating time between Ann Arbor, Mich., and Chicago and working from home since March. Keeping very busy with work, but my wife and I were able to slip away and work from home from Nantucket in August, which was fantastic. We've been missing our boat down in Antigua and headed down there in November for a few weeks of sailing. So, if classmates are going to be in Chicago, Ann Arbor, or Antigua they should let me know!" • **Kathryn Donohue deSouza** was delighted when "**Scott Campbell** and I were placed on the same virtual team for the alumni cross-country 'Always a Panther' 5k. Our team won! It was a fun way for the alumni to do something together, apart." • **Bill O'Herron** has written a book that was inspired by his trip back to the College just three months before our 10th Reunion! He had been living in London for five years and ventured back to the States and Middlebury for time off. He happened upon an evening meditation class in Proctor and that event in 1996 started his journey to writing his book. You can find it, of course, on Amazon: *Waking Up Marriage: Finding Truth Inside Your Partnership*. As Bill states, "It's not really about marriage though. It's about how to understand and use all the stuff that gets kicked up in ourselves in reaction to the latent friction in all our relationships." Way to go, Bill! • As I write this in mid-October, our 35th Reunion is slated for the weekend of June 10–13 and hopefully it will be in person, on campus, and not virtual! Be well and be safe everyone, **Heather**.

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**87** Please let us know how you are doing!  
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**88** Sadly, we must report that **Kyle Knight** died on August 8. We remember Kyle as a kind, studious, sometimes goofy friend who was fearless about taking on new challenges and adventures. He was most often found in the Science Center, but would infect us with his enthusiasm for fly-fishing, cycling, backpacking in the Adirondacks, kayaking, and even winter sports. You never expected the boy from Nashville to lead the charge on powder days at Mad River, but he did, and he loved it. If someone proposed a stupid idea, Kyle was always game but not without adding an extra layer of difficulty. "Yeaah," he'd say in his Southern accent, "but we should do it blindfolded/in swim fins/while carrying flaming torches/while jumping off a cliff/with lasers/etc." His ideas were not consistently practical but his voice would always go up an octave as he became more fervently outrageous. Kyle was a strong believer in the Irish goodbye. As a result, we'd always thought we lost him somewhere along the way. How sad it is that we have.

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**89** Please send me your news! Your classmates would love to hear what you're up to!

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**90** Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you!

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**91 REUNION CLASS Karen Harper** sent an update: "I live in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, with my husband and two teenage kids. After leaving a tenure-track position over 14 years ago, I've managed to continue my research career and do some teaching. But I realized that working hard and not getting paid much is unfair, so I decided to do something about it. I am now president of my union of part-time instructors at three universities in Halifax (CUPE 3912). When the universities moved all courses online due to COVID, my role as union president became almost full time. Our working conditions are among the poorest in Canada, but I've heard it can be even worse in the U.S. If you are an adjunct professor (sessional instructor, part-time faculty) at an American university, I'd love to hear your stories. I'm at karenharper@eastlink.ca. • **Andrea Schaefer** and family have been living on Lake Dunmore since June but plan to return home soon to NYC. "Both kids are currently 100 percent remote learners, which allowed us to stay in Vermont and enjoy the foliage. My nine-year-old daughter, Lilah, is appearing in NYC/PTP's virtual production of *Far Away*, directed by Cheryl Faraone."



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I've loved seeing her follow in her mom's dramatic footsteps!" • **David Findlay** is living with his partner, Victoria, and teenage kids Lila and Alex just north of Portland, Maine. He occasionally sees fellow '91ers, **Chris Adshead** and **Rob Tod** and certainly enjoys sampling Rob's Allagash beers. Dave recently became COO of Angela Adams, a high-end home furnishings brand in Portland. Check out the Instagram or the website for inspiring modern rugs and furniture! • **Ray Strong** writes, "I'm still living in Houston, but I was able to spend much of the summer on the North Fork of Long Island, with lots of boating and waterskiing. I had a chance to catch up with Chris Lee '92 over the summer, and **Andrew Resnik** during the fairly brief ski season this winter." • **Monica Smith** hopes we will all be back on campus next year for our Reunion, June 11–13. She says she is ITCHY to get back there! • **Katie Long Wainwright** reports, "I left NYC in mid-March and moved up to northwest Connecticut full time to the house I'd been renting in Sharon. I couldn't be happier and have been playing lots of tennis, hiking, biking, and enjoying life in the country. I'm consulting for a global think tank called Coqual, whose mission is to improve equality, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace, while looking for a full-time position at an independent school in the area. Jack (16) is a junior at Westminster, and Lucy (14) is in eighth grade and applying to schools up near me for next year. I'd love to see anyone coming through Litchfield County. It's a beautiful part of the world and on the way to Vermont!" • Check out a photo of classmates on page 81! —Class Correspondent: **Andrew Resnik** ([resnikandrew@gmail.com](mailto:resnikandrew@gmail.com)).

**92** Well, the year in which all norms and expectations were given a swirly continues—2020 isn't letting anyone off the hook. As more folks look for good humor and ways to counteract some of the upheaval, we continue to get updates about Midd friends reconnecting. • **Pete Harris** wrote that he and his wife enjoyed extra family time with their sons this summer in Charlottesville, Va. One son is a sophomore at Middlebury, and his twin brother is a freshman at the University of Chicago because he took a gap year and spent seven months in Guatemala, Thailand, and Ghana volunteering in social service programs. Pete continues to work at Axel Johnson (although currently not in their NYC office), helping companies which make a positive difference in the world grow. One example is a laboratory automation company that is powering a good chunk of the COVID research for Moderna, Astra Zeneca, and Merck and therapy discovery at Regeneron. Pete is in touch with a large group of friends through rugby and Zete, and this summer his family and the family of **Marian Darrell Fife** shared some socially distanced time together around their pool. • Also in Virginia, **Dave McCollough** let us know that his son, James, at-

tended UVA and that since 2016 he and his wife have been full-time Virginia residents. They were spending just under half the year in NYC prior to March, but that working from home may push him to relocate his office for Capital One, where he is a managing director. • **Sandy Paige** is the CEO of Explora BioLabs, the dominant provider of Vivarium-as-a-Service in the U.S. Explora provides vivarium facilities and regulatory management services, as well as preclinical contract research to research groups in San Diego and San Francisco. Explora helps jump-start and scale customer's preclinical research operations locally so they can use their own skilled employee base and laboratory services. • **Hilary Eidinoff Meyerson**, among many other skills, is an experienced freelance writer, and had a fabulous article published back in June 2018 in *Seattle Magazine* called "Hit the Trail: What I Learned from Hiking Once a Week." I (**Leslie**) mention it because it is superbly written and dovetails with so many experiences friends sought out this summer as a way to make sense of the pandemic. Looking for opportunities to get away from our computers and exercise when there is little or no access to gyms (and less appetite to exercise in an enclosed room), a dearth of bicycles, and our need to get fresh air, regular walks, and runs with family members have become treasured daily activities. • **Tom McCraw** is a partner at Freeman Mathis and Gary in Boston, and wrote that his daughter, Caitlin (15), is a high school sophomore. He worked remotely from March on, but his office is trying a hybrid work scenario this fall. • **Helen McCabe** wrote that after taking five years away from academia to work with teachers and families of children with autism in China (kudos to you, Helen!), she is now an associate professor of special education at Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y. Recently she saw **Jackie Proulx** when she was driving through Vermont—she mentioned that, like many of us, she is always jealous of those who get to live there. • **Tabitha Jenkins** has a new role as chief of staff at the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey (conveniently shortened by their office to UWGPSNJ), where she will drive their organizational priorities and elevate their mission to reduce poverty by funding nonprofit organizations that invest in key areas that support the whole family: early learning, entrepreneurship and employment, and financial empowerment. Hail to the chief! • Another classmate with a new role is **Jason McGowin**, who was announced as the senior VP and general manager for consumer products of Safe RX, a company whose mission is to help fight America's opioid epidemic and drug abuse with its award-winning locking pill bottle, a patented, physician-developed, child-resistant, and senior-friendly safe storage solution. Jason will lead the retail and DTC business for the company. • More details came from **Christine Bushey Leggett** about her and her husband's ice cream adventure that we alluded to in the summer—their store is called Scottish

Highland Creamery and it's in Oxford, Md. As someone who studied abroad in Glasgow, Scotland, junior year (shout out to **Dana Tiedemann Hulslander** and **Lori Calise Smith**, who were there as well), I (**Leslie**) love the reference. In addition, they also opened a coffee shop, Oxford Social, and they invite folks visiting the Eastern Shore of Maryland to stop by. The pastries and cappuccinos look delicious! • And founder of Middlebury crew, **Phil Busse**, is still actively rowing far away from Lake Dunmore in the Portland, Ore., area. Even during the summer of COVID, their boathouse was open for single skulls, and he took his three-year-old son out on a boat for the first time. He is determined to get him hooked on boats! Phil also wrote that he's had some reunion rows in Seattle with folks who have landed there. • Please keep in touch and reach out to your friends often—friends are the family we choose, and we can all use the laughs and encouragement. Hope to hear from more of you for the next issue!

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**95** **Elisabeth Egan** recently had an article published in the *New York Times*, sharing her worries about the toll remote learning is taking on children, teachers, and parents. Titled "The Eerie Limbo of Remote Schooling," she describes the experiences of her own children, an eighth grader, 11th grader, and sophomore at Midd. Elisabeth is an editor at the *Book Review*.  
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**96** **REUNION CLASS Jen Kuli Feldman** writes, "I'm living in Maine with my husband, Mark '94, and our two sons, Ruben and Leo. Last year I became the executive director of Midcoast Music Academy, a nonprofit community music school in Rockland, Maine. We are extremely fortunate to be able to continue our work in the community, despite 2020's challenges. We are long overdue for a visit to Middlebury! Hopefully our 25th will be a joyous, healthy occasion to celebrate a positive shift in the country and world." • **Eric Foster** reports, "Our two boys Evan (14) and Colin (11) are rolling with all of the different forms and styles that school has tak-

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en over the past seven months. Sports are getting back to something like normal, fortunately. My wife, Nora, is a business writer and marketing consultant so work from home is nothing new for her. My event rental business, Lakes Region Tent and Event, was hurt significantly by COVID-19 without any school or college graduation work in the spring and lots of weddings canceling or postponing. We pivoted and worked hard to help hospitals, restaurants, homeless shelters, and kids camps during the summer and then schools and colleges in the fall. Strange, challenging year but thankful for our health and for living in New Hampshire through all of this. Fingers crossed for Reunion! Hope to see many of you there—it's been too long!" • **Rebecca Kirk** says, "I've marked my 24th year with Analysis Group in Boston, where I'm a partner. Fortunately the job is relatively immune to the pandemic, so work is going as well as it can when I'm mostly working from home. On the plus side, no business travel means more time with my four children. James (12), Emily (10), and Connor and Matthew (almost 8) are enjoying hybrid learning for now and I believe are grateful for having siblings. I've not seen as many Middlebury folks as I would like in 2020, but I had a great walk with **Claudia Schnipper Hochberg**, who lives right around the corner, and I have had the chance to catch up with **Scott Pokrywa** and **Weezie Edsell Henderson** by phone!" • **Jack Peltz** writes, "I hope everyone is doing well. I've been continuing to conduct research on children's sleep ([www.researchgate.net/profile/Jack\\_Peltz](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jack_Peltz)) while trying to get enough myself. I now have a teenage daughter (and a 10-year-old), so sleepless nights are plentiful. When we're not hunkered down in Rochester, N.Y., we've been spending a bunch of time in the Adirondacks (near Inlet, N.Y.), where I've been building a cabin (in case life never returns to normal). I hope to see you all in Vermont in June." • **Casey Kelbaugh** has just published a coffee table book with Phaidon called *Open Studio*. "In it, we visit the studios of 17 of the most celebrated contemporary artists as they each walk the reader through a DIY art project, with inserts, cutouts, stencils, and more to re-create at home! Coincidentally perfect for COVID-era arts and craft activities for kids and families. You can go to [bit.ly/zjsNAYn](http://bit.ly/zjsNAYn) and use code FALL20 for a 20 percent discount!" • **Tom Elliott** reports, "I'm settled here in Durham, N.H., with my wife Jennifer (wedding back in 2008) and raising Bear Elliott, now nine years old and quite attached to the blue Panther football forgotten by **Scott** and **Jane Halladay Goldman** the last time they were in Middlebury. (I will return it in person someday, I promise.) For work I own a very geeky software start-up named LeftHook.com while moonlighting in marketing consulting. We're lucky to see **Marie D'Amato** and her family at the lake and mountains, and to get together with **Rian Alfiero '97** in Portland, Maine, at a Sea Dogs game once in a while. Any other '96ers hanging around NH these days?" •



1 In Rehoboth, Mass., Sarah Harney '12 married Nate Berla-Shulock on August 17, 2019, with many Middlebury friends in attendance: (all '12 unless noted) Emily Dodge '13, Dana Walters, Lisa Mulcahy Wood, the bride, Megan McGeehan, Denise Marte, Liam Gluck, Vic Hudziak '10, Sophia Perlman, (second row) Dan Shaw, Connor Wood '11, Lou Cornacchione '13, Ben Pruitt, Silvano DiMonte, Eleanor Peters, Kathryn Nagel, the groom, Nolan Maier, Barbara Wilkinson, Michael Polebaum, Ali Epstein, Matthew Kingsbury, Max Friedman, and Matt Freund '07. 2 On August 24, 2019, Katie Siegner '12 married Dirk van Duym '12 in Tiverton, R.I. Middlebury friends helped the couple to celebrate: (all '12 unless noted) Dana Walters, Francie Alexandre, Kara Shurmantine, (second row) Jocelyn Breton, Ben Pruitt, the newlyweds, Al Boillot, Amy Francisco, Nicole Glaser, (third row) Kris Williams '11.5, Paul Miller, Brooks Coe, John McGrath (Midd significant other), and Doug Parizeau. 3 When Mark Ely was in Boston on business from California, his 1991 buddies joined him for dinner: Marc Bujold, Mark Ely, and Andrew Peach.



4 Joshua Kruskal '15 and Stephanie Ovitt '15.5 were married September 7, 2019, in Barre, Mass. Middlebury friends joined the couple in celebration: (all '15 or '15.5 unless noted) Sue Halpern (scholar in residence), Luke Greenway '14.5, Alec Drobac '16, Bill McKibben (scholar in residence), Hannah Johnston, the newlyweds, Erica Furguele, Shannon Ovitt '17.5, Marina DiMarco, Eliza Margolin, and Carolyn Johnson. 5 Paul Donnelly '15 and Holly Hummer '15 were married on August 17, 2019, at Tourterelle Restaurant in New Haven, Vt. Several Middlebury friends from the Class of 2015 joined the celebration, including Jessica Kong, Melissa MacDonald, Casey Watters, the newlyweds, Emma Eastwood-Paticchio, Samantha Wood, Dillon Cope, Jamey Huffnagle, Arjun Shah, and Michael Martini.





1 On June 15, 2019, Mariam Khan '16 married Sherif Nada '16 in Phoenix, Ariz., with many Midd Kids in attendance: (all '16 unless noted) Mohamed Hussein '17, Boone McCoy-Crisp, Rabeya Jawaid, Anna Jacobsen, Garrett Griffin, (second row) Sarah Kotb, Merelise Ametti '13, Lydia Gordon '15, Pramish Thapa '15, Tom Dobrow, Shannia Fu '17, Melissa Surrette, Mehek Naqvi '19, the newlyweds, Brandon Gell, Paige Fernandez '17, Davin Chia '17, Joey Button '17, Rodion Kaplounov, Matti Suomenaro, Anis Mebarki LaRosa '15, Porter Westling '12, and Marium Sultan. 2 Anna Clements '12.5 and Owen Teach '13.5 were married on September 7, 2019, at Hermitage Farm, just outside of Louisville, Ken. Peter Walker Kaplan '13.5 officiated the ceremony and many Middlebury friends celebrated with the couple: Allan Stafford '13.5, Dusty Attwood-Dupont '13.5, Zach Doleac '12.5, Ali Rotatori '14, Katie Gladstone '13.5, the newlyweds, AJ Guff '13.5, Tess Sherman '12.5, Laura Romig '12.5, Britty Barrett '12, Emily Bennett '12, Hannah Judge '12.5, Jody Kemp Judge '82, Harriet Napier '12.5, Clare Vance '12, Emmy Masur '12.5, (second row) Alex Kelly '14, Lucy Jackson '12, Peter Kaplan, Grace Doering '13, Sayre White '15, Isabel Tyler '13.5, James Gold '12.5, Awa Goodwin '14, Chris Teves '10, Laurice Fox '12, Chase Daniel '13, Esme Lutz '12.5, Sydney Alfonso '12, Phoebe Plank '12, Emma Hodge '12, Nina Wright Stasiuk '12, Isabel Shaw '12, Cate Brown '12, Kara Montbleau '12, (third row) CJ Caputo '13, Charlie Weinberg '13.5, Robby Carpenter-Israel '13, Max Monbouquette '12, Nick Laughlin '13, Nick Stevens '11, Ethan Gallette '13, Eliza Teach '16.5, Ben Stasiuk '13.5, Sam Wyer '12, Charles Ward '11, Henry Clark '12, Zach Dayno '12.5, Rowan Kelner '12, Nat Kelner '12, and Fielding Jenks '13.5.



3 On August 24, 2019, Michael Kirkland '03.5 and Becky Sue Suckow were married at Nottingham Lake in Avon, Colo. They were blessed to celebrate with heaps of friends and family, including these beautiful Midd Kids: George Herpel '04, Tony Piacenza '06.5, Cassie Crawford '04.5, Meghan Hadley Murphy '06, Chris Shea '06.5, Chris Ingram '07, Matt Corrente '06.5, Beth Butler Ingram '07, Todd Falcone '03.5, Kevin Dougherty '03.5, the newlyweds, Tina Fleishman (mother of Jason Fleishman '03.5), Frank Johnson (stepfather of Jason), Sarah Bunnell '04, Jodi Fleishman (sister of Jason), Heather Tory '03, Mary Sackbauer '15, Tim Sackbauer, and Mike Mazzotta '03.

Kirby Rosplock says, "On November 9, I released my second edition of *The Complete Family Office Handbook*. We did some interesting podcasts, live webinar events, and Zoom cocktails to celebrate being COVID compliant, at the book's release. Additionally, my husband and I started a new ed tech firm, Tamarind Learning, which provides virtual learning to individuals, families, and fiduciaries who are seeking family wealth education in the areas of estate planning, financial planning, tax, trusts, working with advisors, beneficiary basics, investments, trust administration, and stewardship. We're seeking volunteers who may be interested in trying out the course work before we roll out the programs later this year. With the demand for safe, flexible, comprehensive, private, self-paced learning, our mission is to bridge the education, communication, and awareness gaps that exist among families around family wealth. The education is geared to support, empower, and inspire adult beneficiaries, advisors, and their families to be extraordinary stewards of wealth and possibility. We are heartened by the response from our pretesting and excited for the full launch end of this year. Please feel free to reach out to me if either the book or education platform is of interest at kirby@tamarindpartners.com." • The year 2020 marked the 10th anniversary of Sarah Merrill's business, Merrill Memoirs. She has worked with dozens of families, ghost writing individual memoirs and family histories. It's still her dream job. COVID is keeping her in New England for the time being, but Sarah looks forward to working with many more Midd families around the world. Sarah and husband Kevin Staples live in northwest Connecticut, with one son in high school and another in middle school.

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98 We took a moment for this issue to reflect back on our favorite things from Middlebury during the winter. When asked for a favorite activity, 38 percent of our classmates said, "Hitting the bumps and après skiing at the Snow Bowl." The next most popular activities were Winter Carnival (21 percent) and rooting for our hockey teams (17 percent). Favorite J-term classes were Winter Forest Ecology and Public Speaking (both life skills for sure!). • The global pandemic has unearthed an array of "silver linings," some of which are shared here. Lina Chickering Reeth has enjoyed finding moments for "intentional togetherness" with the family, remarking that "this time has reminded us to connect in meaningful and memorable ways." • Jeremy Knoll



has found time to get back into landscape photography—check out his amazing photos on Instagram (@jeremy.knoll.photos). • **Liz Dubin Nadzo** has learned lots of “cool things” helping her third grader on reading assignments, including the fact that “Cher Ami was a fierce homing pigeon.” • **Tyler Nottberg** has been religiously (pun intended) watching *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* with his family. • **Madelyn Carpenter Ruffner, Josi Kytle, Steve Monninger**, and many others shared that they are enjoying virtual happy hours with classmates from across the country. Josi says, “COVID created a reason to connect, and many people even escaped to the Green Mountains to enjoy the safe, innate, socially distanced living.” Steve hopped on a Zoom with **Ian Berger, Tadhg Campbell, Brad Martin, Chris Vaughan**, and **Rusty Dolleman** to relive the glory of the A-frame days and associated Dorm Damage concerts. • And here’s a drink special from **Brent Sonnek-Schmelz** to warm up your winter evenings: “Vermouth is surprisingly delicious over ice with an olive, orange twist, and some seltzer.” Bottoms up, Class of 1998!

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**99** **Nic Tuff** sent word that he is publishing a children’s book titled *The Snow Bear: A Mindfulness Parable for Kids*. He writes, “The journey to write this book began at Middlebury in Stephen Rockefeller’s Faith, Freedom, and Ecology class as I sought my own quest for a spiritual approach to the impending social and environmental crisis, in particular climate change. Through a long journey that took me to the American Southwest’s indigenous communities to monastic communities in the Zen tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, I resolved to write a children’s book that transmitted my two decades of learning to help children (and adults) learn the mindfulness skills and wisdom to help navigate strong emotions in a world of great social and environmental change.” It will be available in stores next June and is being published by Morgan James Publishing. You can read more about it on Amazon! • Trainer **Kully Hagerman Reardon** led a virtual HIIT (High-Intensity Interval Training) class for the Midd community recently. Attendees used bodyweight movements and free weights to increase their heart rates and build overall strength.

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**00** Members of the Class of 2000 have been busy launching new ventures. **Blake Rutherford** and two partners launched SourceStream Media, the first interactive political live streaming network in the U.S. Beginning August 17, SourceStream started streaming more than 40 hours

of contiguous weekly programming across the political spectrum. Check it out at [www.sourcestreamlive.com](http://www.sourcestreamlive.com). • **Darin Sands** writes, “I started my own law firm, Bradley Bernstein Sands, in July, with two women I have known or worked with for 20 years. We are a litigation boutique with offices in California, Oregon, and Washington.” • Over on the East Coast, I (**Jen**) am joining a new Lyme Disease Education Initiative at Harvard Medical School as a research associate and patient experience representative. I have also launched a six-month intensive Writing to Heal program at Grub Street Creative Writing Center in Boston. After almost a decade living in downtown Boston, I’m leaving city center for the suburbs of West Concord, as seems to be the writerly way. I’d love to do a socially distanced visit with anyone who lives in that direction! I’d also love to hear from you. Please reach out with updates!

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**01** **REUNION CLASS** **Matt** and **Leslie Fox Arnould** and new big brother **Freddy** were thrilled to welcome twins, **Beatrice Joy** and **Beckett Eugene**, on April 20. They are the reason for the lack of class notes in the last issue of the magazine so we’re making up for that with lots of interesting notes this time around! And here’s hoping that we’ll all be able to catch up in person for our 20th Reunion next year! • **Jessica Gigot** reports that her second book of poems, *Feeding Hour*, is coming out November 20! You can check it out on [trailltotable.net](http://trailltotable.net). • **Boriana Karastoyanova** continues to enjoy life in NYC with her husband and their two boys, **Alexander Daniel Southwood** (6) and **Dylan Lewis Southwood** (20 mos). • **Jason Ienner** has made a move to SVP Artists & Labels for Music IQ, a music data company helping artists, managers, and labels target promotion and advertising of merchandise and singles more effectively through first-party data. He also reports that **Oxomoco**, his Michelin-starred restaurant in Brooklyn, is weathering the COVID storm. • **Dan Graham** has a book coming out in May 2021 called *An Internet in Your Head* and it’s about how our brains function like the Internet in the way messages are passed from one part of the brain to another. The book is for general audiences so if you have an interest in brains (and who doesn’t?), check it out on Amazon! • **Allison Padilla-Goodman** is now the vice president of the Southern Division of the Anti-Defamation League. • **Jessica St. John Staunton** reports, “After many hard years, I graduated from my residency in dermatology at UMass Med School on October 15. I am joining the faculty at UMass Med School as a physician in dermatology and will also be at a private practice in Concord, Mass. My husband (Jay ’93) and children (ages 9 and 11) were very happy to see me graduate and start my career as a ‘real doctor’ (their words, not mine!).” • After eight years as a program officer at several major

California foundations, **Rafael Morales** started a new role in June as senior manager for development, policy, and impact at Self-Help Federal Credit Union, part of the \$3.1 billion-in-assets North Carolina-based Center for Community Self-Help, which operates two credit unions serving eight states, a nonprofit venture fund, and a national public policy affiliate, the Center for Responsible Lending. Upon joining, he was pleasantly surprised to find another ’01 classmate, **Lisa Stiffler**, working as the North Carolina director for state policy at the Center for Responsible Lending. Go Midd! • **Paul Shull** and his family of six live near Gettysburg College after three years of living in Brazil. He would like to share his creative writing piece, the Obedient Busboy at [www.tob.life](http://www.tob.life). • **Rachel Arnot Rockwell** writes, “In late September I was the recipient of a live liver transplant from a high school classmate. I will be spending the next three–six months in somewhat intense recovery mode and I am already feeling the effects of a healthy liver on my energy levels. So many friends and acquaintances from Midd across the country have reached out with their support and love for me through this process. I have a 12-year-old daughter and 8-year-old son and have been living with a liver condition called PSC for 12 years. An old friend saved my life by selflessly donating a portion of her liver—I am profoundly grateful. I want to say thank you to all, and encourage people to consider being an organ donor.” Best wishes to Rachel for a full recovery! • **Meegan Moszynski** is getting ready for ski season! “The National Ski Patrol has been working hard with ski areas and operators to make sure we have a successful and safe ski season. Buy your passes, pack your pocket PB&Js, and get outside this winter! It’s been quite a challenge trying to work through the effects of the pandemic, but we’re all cautiously optimistic about the season. Hoping to see Midd friends as soon as traveling becomes easier and safer, and looking forward to our 20th!” • **Whitney Robinson Tome**’s mother sent the news that in September, Whitney testified before the Natural Resources Committee on examining the barriers and solutions to diversity, equity, and inclusion at the Department of the Interior, which has a long history of failing to recruit, retain, and promote a diverse workforce. She is the principal and head of Beyond Diversity Strategies at the Raben Group. • Check out a great photo of a pre-COVID mini-reunion on page 66. —Class Correspondents: Leslie Fox Arnould (lesliearnould@gmail.com); Zach Bourque (zacharybourque@gmail.com).

**02** We have had some classmates in the news! **Khalilah Walters** was featured on everyone’s favorite game show, *Jeopardy!* in March of this year. She gave us this behind-the-scenes recap: “I took the online test then did one in-person test and auditioned in D.C. The day of taping was exhausting. I’d flown from home in Virginia to LA shortly before, so I was jet-lagged and up by 3 a.m. The

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show films a whole week's worth of episodes in one day, and I was in the last group's taping around 3:30 p.m. I struggled with the buzzer at practice, so I was not optimistic about the outcome when our episode started taping (Alex asked me about that! Ha!). I was very happy to be champion at the end of it all. The next day I knew I was done when golf, sports, and television popped up in the categories. It was fun while it lasted! One of the nice things that followed was that people from across the nation sent lovely messages." Congrats, Khalilah! We once dreamed of playing *Family Double Dare*, but our brother was too young and slow for Nickelodeon. • Earlier this year, **Gabe Epperson** was named the new executive director of the Whatcom Land Trust, a community-based nonprofit that works with local landowners and other partners to protect the natural values and resources important to the Whatcom County, Wash., community, where he had previously served as the conservation director. He writes to us, "Wow! What a year to transition into the role of executive director. Let's just say, my current priorities have shifted somewhat. Surprisingly, we've been able to maintain our prior workload and accomplish our mission of protecting special places in Whatcom County, but we've also had to tackle COVID-19 and a recession. As a small, local conservation organization, our operating funds are almost entirely based on individual giving. We have developed an extended family of land trust members in our community that step up and donate and volunteer when asked. I was extremely humbled by the outpouring of generosity in the spring to keep our organization intact and healthy. Not only have we stayed afloat, we've maintained our full staff of nine and protected five new properties (around 100 acres). We got a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect 50 acres of coastal wetlands for climate resilience and salmon habitat recovery, among other things. We're also looking at closing our first carbon-offset project on 5,000 acres of our forested properties with a business partner. My senior year internship at Middlebury was related to land planning and I had several meetings with MALT (Middlebury Area Land Trust), which turned me on to land conservation and the land trust model, which really impressed me." Appreciate the thorough and informative update, Gabe. Speaking of MALT, did anyone expect to find an old-fashioned soda shop when they first arrived at Middlebury? Nope? Well, at least one class correspondent did. • In the spring notes, we shared news about a celebration last winter for **Lee Jones's** birthday and now you can check out a photo from the get-together on page 63! • As always, if anyone else has life events or stories to share, please email your class correspondents at middlebury02@gmail.com.

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**03** **Liz Moore Coyle** recently launched Quiltlove (www.givequiltlove.com), a company that brings support networks together to make custom quilts for new babies, people facing challenging medical issues, marriages, send-offs, and a range of other special occasions. All the warm and fuzzies.

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**04** Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you!

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**05** After 10 years in Thailand, **Nicha Rakpanichmanee** is now back in the U.S. She joined the Southern Environmental Law Center in Atlanta this fall. Nicha is grateful for the continued moral support across the globe from Midd women: **Jasmin Johnson**, founder of Compassionate Paws International; **Naomi Cookson**, founder of Devilfish Athletics; speech therapist and new mother **Cara Lovell Arduengo**; and mother of three adventurous kids, **Hillary Waite Condit**. While working in Chapel Hill last summer, Nicha reconnected with musician and writer Megan Guiliano '07, musician and software architect **Jon Stuart-Moore**, and the world's cutest toddler, Julian. Two years ago, she reunited with freshman-year roommate and statistician **Emily Berg** in wintry Vermont. A few years before that, Nicha caught up with globetrotting chef Nate Marcus '04 on a beach in Bali. And she had ice cream with **Yok Vorasatmatee**, who is teaching in Bangkok. Nicha is also grateful for many walks in the woods with Suzanne Potente and her husband, Art Professor John Huddleston and author of *At Home in the Northern Forest*. • Given that this is our 15th(!) Reunion year, **Yvonne Chen** and **Jeff Stauch** shared some reflections; hopefully they bring back a flood of beautiful memories from our time in the bucolic hills of Vermont, as well as allude to our collective struggles as a community right now. **Yvonne Chen**: "Middlebury embodies a truth-seeking, science-believing perspective on the world, which has taken me far and wide and also given me armor to win dinnertime debates with my less informed friends! I will never forget the American Foreign Policy class I took with Allison Stanger during the height of the Iraq War. Many of the lessons that I learned in that class helped me stay critical throughout my career in international development. I also appreciate the pivot that Middlebury has taken since I was in school—especially in Midd's approach to racial justice and white supremacy culture. One should be reminded that ours was the so-called '9-11 class' and the College leadership at that time selected Rudy Giuliani to give our Commencement speech." **Jeff Stauch**: "One thing

I miss most: chicken parm night at Proctor! On reflections: having worked at Midd for 10 years, from 2007 to 2017, and now working in the social/racial justice space, I'm just realizing how much more work institutions like Middlebury have to do in terms of making Midd a welcoming place for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) faculty, staff, and students. On life returning to normal: definitely not—I live in Montgomery, Ala., and things are f-ed. I'm fortunate to be able to work from home with my partner, dogs, and chickens."

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**06** **REUNION CLASS** We'd love to hear what you're up to! Send us your news!

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**07** **Emily Powell Gillam** and her husband celebrated their first anniversary; they were married September 21, 2019. • **Emily Wheeler** relocated to Denver, Colo., with her freshman hallmate and first friend at Midd, **Kelly Blynn**, Kelly's husband, Max, and their collie pup, Hansen. After a decade in California, Emily is wanting to bring mountains and seasons back into her life and to explore what the mountain West has to offer. She will miss surfing with classmate **Lauren Miller**, but looks forward to hosting friends for ski adventures in the coming years. She recently graduated from the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) with a master's in integral counseling psychology and is working as a therapist at a group practice based in Denver. • **Julia Fraser Washington** and her husband, Andrey, welcomed their second daughter, Remi Grace Washington, on April 2. She joined big sister, Willa Rose (2), to complete their happy family in Brooklyn, N.Y. • **Livia Vastag** was married in Vermont to Alexis Blake in May 2018, and they had a daughter, Quinlan Vastag, in June 2019. They are all living in Vermont and enjoying the beautiful outdoors whenever possible. • **Matthew Van Meter's** first book, *Deep Delta Justice: A Black Teen, His Lawyer, and Their Groundbreaking Battle for Civil Rights in the South* (Little, Brown), was published in July. It's been featured in the *New Yorker* and the *Washington Post*, among others. • **Christian Solberg** and wife **Gillian Thompson** had a son in May 2020: James "Jamie" Lawrence Solberg. He joins his sister Madeleine Chapin Solberg (2.5). • **Kristin Fraser Geisler** and husband Dorian welcomed their first baby in November 2019, a girl named Felicity. Kristin also graduated with her MSW from the Univ. of Denver in June, and she started a job as a therapist at the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. • In September **Amanda Goodwin** became the interim head of the middle school at the Nightingale-Bamford School in New

York City, where she also continues to serve as head of the History Department. • **Will McDonough** was named one of 2020's top 100 visionaries in education by the Global Forum for Education and Learning. In September, he published his third book, *Pause Together: A Handbook for Humans*. The book provides daily exercises in connection, reflection, and growth for families and communities to engage in together, whether they are 5 years old or 105. • Michael Ratpojanakul '06 and **Caryn LoCastro** welcomed a baby girl, Taylor Jeanne, into their family last December. Along with big sister Hailey (4), Taylor has been a ray of sunshine during this crazy year. They are still living in NYC, though bunked up with Stephen Ratpojanakul '06 and his family in the suburbs when the virus first peaked. Caryn recently started a new role at Google, overseeing media for B2B marketing initiatives with Mohan Renganathan '96, and has now officially spent half her career as a Googler! • **Anna Murray**'s first child, Sebastiano Siúrtán Belletti, was born on June 19—a little bright spot in an otherwise dark time. • **Petar Mitrevski** has a new job at the Harvard Medical School as the interim manager of AV infrastructure, overseeing the IT systems used by physicians (teaching a new generation of MDs) and scientists (researching COVID-19 amongst other areas). Not exactly what he thought he'd be doing when he moved to Boston at the beginning of 2020, but he's very motivated to be part of it! • **Valkyrie Anderson**'s daughter welcomed a little sister in September. • **Hannah Baker Robinson** and husband Adam welcomed their first child, Baker "Bo" Laurence Robinson, on August 19. • **Kelly Jean-Philippe** (KG, formerly **Kelly Gay**) became a dad in May 2020! He also hosts a podcast called Welcome to Fatherhood. • Since COVID began, **Jackie Hurwitz Baskin** and her husband have become foster parents to two teen girls. The girls are keeping them on their toes! Jackie also began producing for National Geographic Explorer, which has been quite the task with all the travel restrictions. • **Patrick Abatiell** finished a PhD in English at NYU in the fall of 2019. • **Olivia Bailey** married her grad school sweetheart, Alp Sipahigil, and started as an assistant professor of philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley. • **Lia Ball** and husband Semihcan Doken '09 welcomed their son Emre Matthias Ball Doken on August 13. • Just before the pandemic locked everyone down in their respective home states across the eastern seaboard, **Rebecca Browngoehl Feinberg**, **Isabel Yordan**, **Julia Washington**, and **Sue-Jean Chun Kang** were able to spend a long weekend in Baltimore, rehashing their favorite Middlebury memories and plotting for an even bigger and better reunion in Vermont. • In the winter of 2013, Jay Boren '06, **Scott Schwitz**, **Steven Chester**, and Nate Randall '08 successfully completed the first ski descent of the fabled Gnarkle line on Stevens Peak outside South Lake Tahoe, Calif. The four remain close friends to this day. • **Erin Schreiner** is now Erin McGuirl! She mar-

ried her sweetheart, Steve McGuirl, in a small, outdoor ceremony on October 17. No Middlebury alumni were present but Erin was so happy to see **Luke Woods** in person before the big day, and to see **Adam Granato**, **Angela Head**, **Danielle Rose**, **Emily Lee**, **Zoe Laskaris**, and Himali Singh Soin '08 among the faces Zooming in for cake. Since 2007, Erin has been living in New York City and working as a rare book librarian and bibliographer. She is now the executive director of the Bibliographical Society of America, a learned society that publishes a peer-reviewed scholarly journal; holds events like lectures and workshops; and awards fellowships and prizes to promote the study of the book as an object. (Yup. The curious can read up at bibsocamer.org.) Before the COVID-19 crisis, she was looking forward to spending the spring at the Harry Ransom Center at UT Austin on a fellowship studying the role of women secretaries and typists in editing and printing scripts, but alas. Here's looking to 2021 and to love and to small outdoor gatherings in the meantime. —Class Correspondent: **Judd Melón** ([wilsonjmelon@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonjmelon@gmail.com)).

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**09** **Antoinette Rangel** finished up a year-long clerkship on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit with the Honorable Joseph F. Bianco. The Second Circuit is the court where legal giants such as Thurgood Marshall and Sonia Sotomayor were before they were appointed to the Supreme Court.  
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**10** We are excited for **Dijana Poljak**, MD, who has recently been accepted to the Gifford Health Care Obstetrics and Gynecology (ob-gyn) team in Randolph, Vt. Before this, Dijana completed a fellowship in pediatric and adolescent gynecology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Gifford is lucky to have her in its community! • **Jack Reed** has been living in LA since 2011 (in the same apartment since he moved to LA in 2011. Yay for rent control!). He has been working as a freelance art director (see some of his projects at [www.jackreed.la](http://www.jackreed.la)). Recently, Jack has used this time to reignite his personal art practice. When describing his current project, he says, "I'm in love with the artwork I'm making." We look forward to seeing Jack's creations soon! • **Amanda Quinlan** just finished a judicial clerkship at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and moved back to Manchester, N.H., where she's practicing civil litigation! • **Emily Elaine Putnam** just moved

to the Boston area for a postdoctoral research position at Tufts, where she is studying how microbes interact with each other in foods such as cheese. I (**Alice**) wonder what kind of cheese she uses. • **Nikhil Ramburn** is a physician of acupuncture and Chinese medicine, specializing in gut health and nonpharmaceutical pain management. During the shutdown, Nikhil has built a mobile greenhouse on a salvaged trailer.  
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**11** **REUNION CLASS** Hi, Class of 2011 and 2011.5—hope everyone has been hanging in there during this tough year! We have a couple quick notes to share: **Lucas Alvarez** moved back to Miami, Fla., over the summer after spending the last year in New Jersey. He's currently the manager of North American operations for Cycleon, an international supply chain and returns management company. He'd love to connect with any other Midd Kids in South Florida! • And congrats to **Uma Tantri**, who writes, "In the summer of 2020, I launched Uma's Granola in Berkeley, Calif. It has been a lifelong dream to start my own food company and I am thrilled to get this off the ground. We make an elevated granola using Indian spice blends to create an exciting AND healthy granola." • Thanks to those who submitted updates and, as always, feel free to be in touch at [midd2011@gmail.com](mailto:midd2011@gmail.com). Take care!  
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**12** As always, please feel free to send any updates you'd like to share! • **Kelsey Allan** shares, "I am on my sixth year at lululemon in an employee relations specialist role. I spent a year in San Francisco, returned to my hometown of Montreal and got engaged in September." • **Gavin Bauer** is working for IDEXX in Westbrook, Maine, doing diagnostic imaging support for veterinarians. He and his partner just bought a house. • **Cammie Curtin** and **Charlie Cotton** got married on January 19, 2020, in Bristol, Rhode Island. The couple was extremely fortunate to celebrate with family and friends, including officiant **Brenna Kearns**, best man **Rob Johnson**, maid of honor **Sara Dinkin**, bridesmaid **Lilah Leopold**, bridesmaid **Kaylen Baker**, and Mike '11 and **Amy Doucette Gaskin**. It was a wonderful day! • **Bianca Giaever** is now working for the *New York Times*, and this past July she released her own independently produced podcast called Constellation Prize. • **Olivia Grugan** shares, "My husband, Will, and I welcomed our three-pound, six-ounce son Aeneas Grugan Robbins into the world a month early on July 17. He is squirming and cooing himself into new growth every day and teaching us about love, resilience, worry, and joy."  
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**14** **Ryan Brewster** has founded COVID Creatives, a collective of professional graphic designers that develops visual materials in partnership with healthcare providers fighting COVID-19. The team transforms multipage protocols or guidelines into concise, accessible infographics. Ryan is a third-year med student at Stanford University School of Medicine.

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**15** **Kyle Gerstenschlager** graduated from the University of California, Berkeley master's program in statistics in May. He returned to Facebook and began a new role on the data communications team, utilizing the statistics and programming he learned in his MA program. Kyle married David Hammerman on June 28 in Carmel Valley, Calif. David works as a director in real estate private equity at Fortress Investment Group.  
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**16** **REUNION CLASS Jake Feury** writes, "After three years of working in NYC, I left my job in September of 2019 to open up Stretch Recovery Lounge in Ridgewood, N.J. We are a personal training and athletic recovery facility, helping people of all ages stay fit, as well as alleviate their aches and pains. It's been a rewarding journey that I am extremely thankful for!"  
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**17** Please send me your news! I'd love to hear from you.  
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**18** **Jacob Volz** has joined Gould Academy as a new math teacher. He has taken education and physics classes at the Univ. of Maine over the past couple of years.  
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**19** If you have any news you'd like to share, please send it to us!  
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**20** **Katelan Newman** has agreed to serve as a class correspondent. You can send news to her at the email below.  
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**41 Edith Grimm Miller**, 100, of Decatur, Ga., on April 28, 2020. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta at Middlebury. She served as the health education secretary at the Utica, N.Y., YWCA, and also at the Norwalk, Conn., YMCA. She taught at the Bolton School in Westport, Conn., and while living in Turkey, taught English at the national hotel management school in Ankara. Predeceased by first husband Thomas Gourlay and second husband Henry Miller, she is survived by sons Michael '67, Dwight, and Bruce, and one grandson.

**44 Edith Lee Beckwith**, 97, of Middlebury, Vt., on April 1, 2020. After leaving Middlebury, she took a stenotype course in NYC and worked for a professor at NYU. Moving to Middlebury, she was a lifelong homemaker and helped found the Middlebury Community Players. Predeceased by husband Jack '41, she is survived by daughter Leslie '75, son Lee, three granddaughters, and four great-grandsons.

**46 Walter F. Wood**, 94, of Riverview, Fla., on February 4, 2019. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he left Middlebury after a year to join the Navy Air Corps as ensign and served as a carrier pilot with the Early Warning Squadron aboard the USS *Kearsage* until 1946. He attended General Motors Institute and became an engineer in the Framingham plant. He cofounded Ty-Wood Corp., a precision metal fabrication company then built and owned W.F. Wood Engineering Corp./Wood Metal Finishing from 1960 to 1989. In 1990 he built and owned N&W Helicopter Wheels until 2017. Predeceased by first wife Frances (Reid), he is survived by wife Joyce (Ouellette), children Susan, Sandra, Wendy, and Walter, stepchildren Deena and Shawn, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**47 Carolyn Leach Gorman**, 94, of Towson, Md., on May 24, 2020. After Middlebury, she earned a continuing education certificate in personnel placement management from NYU and worked in NYC. In 1996, she earned her MSW from the Univ. of Maryland and as a psychiatric social worker therapist, she specialized in homelessness, addictions, and AIDS issues at Johns Hopkins and St. Joseph's Hospitals. She also assisted in Univ. of Michigan studies, gathering data on homelessness in dangerous areas of the Baltimore streets. Predeceased by husband William, she is survived by sister Nancy Leach Ward, brother Charles Leach, and their families.

**June Brookman Kinney**, 94, of Averill Park, N.Y., and Lake Placid, Fla., on May 23, 2020. She received her New York elementary school teacher certification in 1962 and her art certification in 1975 from Russell Sage College. She began her teaching career in the Averill Park schools then moved on to become an elemen-

tary school art teacher in the Troy (N.Y.) City schools, where she taught for 18 years, retiring in 1981. She served as a volunteer for the Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Predeceased by husband Morell and longtime companion Clifford Hilton, she is survived by children Glenn, Linda, David, and Barbara, five grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

**49 Douglas H. Armstrong**, 91, of Ithaca, N.Y., on June 2, 2020. A member of Delta Upsilon, he joined the Army in 1950 and served in Korea during the Korean War as a lieutenant and combat platoon leader until his discharge in 1953. He earned his MA in Spanish from Middlebury in 1955 and began his 42-year teaching career first at Bay Shore (N.Y.) High School. Earning a PhD from the Univ. of Michigan, he joined the faculty at Ithaca College in 1968 in the Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literature, where he taught until 1995. He was a longtime member of the Rotary International and received the District Outstanding Rotarian Award in 2008. He is survived by wife Lucia (Landers), children Sara, Alison, and Bruce '86, and several grandchildren.

**50 H. Allen Mapes**, 91, of Springvale, Maine, on April 4, 2020. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he joined his family petroleum business after college. An active community member, at the age of 34, he was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Jaycees. He was founder and director of the Sanford Industrial Development Corp. and also formed the Springvale Redevelopment Corp. He worked to revitalize Nasson College and received an honorary doctorate from the college. He served on numerous boards of local organizations and received many awards for his involvement. He is survived by wife Polly (Simonds), children Merilee, Kristie, and Jonathan, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**William Slade III**, 94, of Solon, Ohio, on April 2, 2020. During WWII, he served in the Army. After graduating from Middlebury, he lived in Paris, France, working as a security officer and messenger for the U.S. Mutual Security Agency during the Marshall Plan years. Earning a master's in education at Case Western Reserve Univ., he taught first in the East Cleveland (Ohio) Schools, then moved to Solon and taught math at Orange High School, retiring in 1984. Predeceased by wife Dorothy (Kosch), he is survived by daughters Laura and Janet, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include father William, Class of 1917 (deceased), sister Barbara Wyman '44 (deceased), and niece Elizabeth Wyman Fernandez '74.

**51 Joseph E. Borst**, 92, of Sandy Hook, Conn., on March 31, 2020. During WWII, he served in the Army Air Corps as part of the 8th Air Force Vehicle

Repair Squadron, and was stationed in Germany as part of the post-WWII occupation. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he re-enlisted in the Air Force in 1952 and was part of the pilot training program in Texas. He worked for Sikorsky Aircraft as a technical services engineer then was at Perkin Elmer for 17 years, working on the Hubble Telescope and other government-related projects. He also earned a Master of Education at Western Connecticut State College in 1973. He served the town of Newtown, Conn., on numerous town boards, both elected and nonelected, and in 2019 was awarded the Community Americanism Award by the Newtown American Legion Post 202. He is survived by wife Barbara (Caron), children Joseph, Elizabeth, Michael, James, and Mary, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Nancy L. Young**, 90, of Deale, Md., on March 31, 2020. She worked as an analyst with the Central Intelligence Agency and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, National Cathedral Choral Society, and St. Marks Episcopal Church.

**52 Carol Annable Bastian**, 90, of Old Saybrook, Conn., on March 13, 2020. After graduation she worked for Equitable Life Assurance Society and then did part-time secretarial work. She had a long career in the insurance industry as a property and casualty insurance agent. At one point she had the opportunity to develop an insurance program for yacht clubs around the country. She and husband Robert, who predeceased her, had three children, Douglas, Dana, and April.

**John R. Mann Jr.**, 90, of Brattleboro, Vt., on May 21, 2020. A Delta Sigma Delta, he earned his DDS from the Univ. of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. In 1955 he joined the Army Dental Corps and served two years of active duty at Fort Leonard, Mo., and in Korea. He set up his dental practice in Brattleboro in 1958 and was a member of several professional organizations, often serving in a leadership position. He was an active volunteer, particularly with Rotary International. Predeceased by wife Bea, he is survived by children Melissa, Christopher, and Jessica, stepchildren Ward '78, Philip '79, and Christine, and 10 grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-grandfather Henry Shaw, Class of 1865, and brother Kimball '56.

**Robert W. Woodbury**, 90, of Broomfield, Colo., on June 12, 2020. A member of Sigma Epsilon, he went to work for Nichols and Co. in Boston and became a specialist in the analysis and purchasing of wool for the textile trade. In 1970, he started his own firm, Woodbury, Heins, and Draper and spent the next 46 years traveling around the western U.S., buying and selling wool and lambs, retiring in 2016. He was honored by several professional organizations, including

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Ann Taggart Haddock '45	October 24, 2020
Elizabeth Adell McCord '45	September 4, 2020
Mary Stuart Nixon '46	September 29, 2020
Avery D. Post '46	September 7, 2020
Betty Virtue Mozes '47	September 23, 2020
Rae F. Robinson '47	October 10, 2020
Niels H. Fischer '48	October 4, 2020
Shirley Feyrer Suter '48	October 25, 2020
Elaine Arrington Miller '49	August 23, 2020
Herbert Beenhouwer '50	October 28, 2020
Stephanie B. Griffin '50	September 8, 2020
Barbara Pike Prinn '51	October 9, 2020
Frank A. Vogt '51	September 19, 2020
John R. Whitton Jr. '51	October 12, 2020
David H. Clemens '53	September 19, 2020
Celia Bolte Griese '53	September 6, 2020
Charles E. Jennings '53	December 15, 2019
Anne Coleman Zehner '53	October 11, 2020
Carey T. Smith '54	September 26, 2020
John H. Fassnacht '55	July 24, 2020
Peter C. Markham '55	August 22, 2020
Mary Gaines McMurray '56	August 9, 2020
Marshall J. Armstrong Jr. '57	September 16, 2020
Anne "Lee" Johnson Howell '57	October 18, 2020
Janet von Wettberg Cowles '58	September 25, 2020
Constance Crabbe Dehlendorf '59	October 7, 2020
Pieter J. Schiller '60	September 7, 2020
Thayer Talcott Jr. '60	September 15, 2020
Jane Willey Whiteside '60	October 7, 2020
Robert M. Fryberger Jr. '61	September 13, 2020
Alice Derby Beal '62	September 19, 2020
Martin A. Brown '62	September 24, 2020
Gilbert O. Stanley '62	October 27, 2020
Robbye L. Barrow '63	August 13, 2020
Sue Scammell Carpenter '65	October 10, 2020
Wayne J. Marion '65	October 4, 2020
Diane Kaski DeMent '67	October 7, 2020
Thomas F. Patterson '67	October 8, 2020
Gerry E. Goodrich '68	October 26, 2020
Stephen A. Orndorf '68	July 14, 2020

Allan P. Vogt '73	August 8, 2020
Gondo A. Dallaire '74	October 3, 2020
Richard G. Broad '77	August 28, 2020
Victor C. King '77	July 26, 2020
John E. Humphries '80	August 19, 2020
Curt Ehler '82	August 18, 2020
Kyle S. Knight '88	August 8, 2020

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Crystal English-Wood, MA English '14	September 23, 2020
Sybille Gerstenberg Ehrlich, MA French '51	October 28, 2020
Edwin J. Hamblet, MA French '64	September 13, 2020
Phyllis J. Dragonas, MA French '65	August 1, 2020
Edward C. Couture, MA French '67	April 7, 2020
Nancy D. Benson, MA French '69	May 26, 2020
Sam J. Sykes III, MA French '72	August 6, 2020
Ellen-Jo Emerson, MA French '73	August 7, 2020
James M. Karepin, MA French '75	October 18, 2020
Richard S. Ladd, MA French '76	August 29, 2020
Heather Langley-Evans, MA French '79	June 1, 2020
Carrie L. O'Connor, MA French '05	September 14, 2020
Frederick Fischer, MA German '66	August 29, 2020
Evelyn Gartner Fowles, MA German '70	August 16, 2020
Allen P. Weirick, MA German '76	July 29, 2020
Micheline Rizzo, MA Italian '59	October 19, 2020
Chiara D'Agostino, MA Italian '14	August 4, 2020
Gordon E. Smith, MA Russian '68	September 20, 2020
Rocco R. Petrillo, MA Spanish '57	October 2, 2020
Neal Creighton, MA Spanish '61	September 15, 2020
David L. Catron, MA Spanish '62	August 24, 2020
Rosemarie A. Benja, MA Spanish '68	September 27, 2020
James H. Stewart, MA Spanish '68	August 15, 2020
Zovinar Najarian Lair, MA Spanish '71	August 30, 2020
Joann Palumbo Jackson, MA Spanish '73	July 26, 2020
Ruby R. Teague, MA Spanish '74	August 30, 2020
Kenneth Keating, MAIPS '79	September 14, 2020
Trygve Olfarnes, MAIPS '89	May 23, 2020
Michele L. Girard, MATESOL '95	August 26, 2020

tion officer until her retirement in 1995. She was also a union representative for Local #1550 of AFSCME for 10 years. Predeceased by husband Simon and son Benjamin, she is survived by sons Alex, Nat, and Jacob, and five grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-great-grandfather Ozias Seymour, Class of 1820, great-uncles Horatio Seymour, Class of 1832, Seymour Edgerton, Class of 1888, and William Clift, Class of 1888, grandparents Edwin, Class of 1890, and Louise Edgerton Clift, Class of 1887, grandfather Ezra Benedict, Class of 1891, parents A. Palmer, Class of 1917, and Helen Clift Benedict, Class of 1918, uncle Paul Benedict '25, aunt Esther Benedict Booth '30, brother Peter '30, and sister Joan Soulia '32.

**George W. Peck IV**, 88, of Manchester Center, Vt., on June 10, 2020. A proud member of Chi Psi, he enlisted in the Army in 1953 and served two years. He began his business career in the domestic research labs of ITT Corp. In the mid-1960s, he joined consulting firm Canny, Bowen, becoming a partner, and worked at Quincy Partners, a pioneer in leveraged buyouts. He was a founding partner in Kohlberg and Co. with Jerry Kohlberg and retired in 1998. He is survived by wife Norene, daughters Julie '79 and Jennifer, and two grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include parents George III, Class of 1924, and Eleanor Frost Peck '26, and aunt Margaret Peck '25.

**Ann Whiteley Tracy**, 88, of Bristol, Conn., on April 9, 2020. While raising her children, she was an active volunteer in the community. She served as president of the Connecticut Hospital Assoc. and sat on the Bristol Hospital board for many years. Predeceased by husband Bill '51, she is survived by children Bill '75, Betty, and Susan '78, and five grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include uncle Russell Seavey '26.

**William T. Walter**, 88, of Huntington, N.Y., on April 22, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega at Middlebury, he served in the Korean War in the Army, teaching radio repair at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Earning a PhD in physics at MIT, he joined the defense research firm Technical Research Group, where he was one of the first groups working on lasers. He eventually discovered and claimed the patent for the copper vapor laser. He later supervised graduate students, continued researching at the Polytechnic Institute of New York, and founded Laser Consultants. He is survived by wife Susan (Tallman) '59, children Bill '84, Todd, Bruce, and Beth '92, and seven grandchildren.

**54 Marguerite Brown Campbell**, 87, of Cleveland, Ohio, on April 24, 2020. She earned her MSW from the School of Applied Social Services at Case Western Reserve Univ. and was employed at the Society of Crippled Children for many years. Having studied photography at the Polytechnic of Central

the National Lamb Feeders Assoc., the Colorado Wool Growers Assoc., and the American Sheep Producer Council, for his expertise, years of service, and contributions to the industry. He is survived by wife Joan (Webster), children Ann, Tucker, and Polly, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**53 Peter L. Clarke**, 88, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., on March 19, 2020. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, he joined the Air Force after graduation, serving as a navigator for four years. Joining a management intern program with the Internal Revenue Service, he

spent 25 years with the IRS in planning and research. He is survived by wife Llewellyn (Jordan), daughters Karen, Susan, and Amy, and three grandsons.

**Margaret Benedict Moss**, 88, of Washington, D.C., on May 20, 2020. At Middlebury, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi. After graduation, she worked as a secretary at the Center for International Studies at MIT in Cambridge, Mass. A full-time mother of four, she returned to graduate school at Sam Houston State Univ. in Texas and earned her master's in criminology in 1980. She served as a Harris County (Texas) proba-



London, England, and at the International Center of Photography in NYC, she worked as a freelance and volunteer photographer after leaving social services. Predeceased by husband Thomas and daughter Ellen, she is survived by son Thomas and two grandchildren.

**Jane Cole Miller**, 86, of Madison, Conn., on April 18, 2020. After graduating, she worked at Aetna in the personnel dept. and at Univac as a systems technician. While raising her children, she was active in the League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women. In 1974, she began her own life insurance brokerage business. She also formed, with two partners, Management Continuity, which provided interim top management to closely held businesses. Predeceased by first husband John Field '55 and second husband Ross Miller, she is survived by children Laurie and Christopher, stepdaughter Lucia Miller, four grandchildren, and one stepgrandchild. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Laura Kennedy Cole '28.

**55 Barbara Stahl Humphreys**, 86, of Durham, N.H., on April 19, 2020. A member of Sigma Kappa, she attended the Katherine Gibbs School in NYC then worked at Harvard Univ. in the Office of the Dean of Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences. She lived with her family in Kent, Conn., for over 40 years and worked at Kent School as an assistant to the athletic director and as associate editor of the *Kent Quarterly*. She is survived by husband Michael, MA French '58, sons Jon and Todd, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

**56 Donald F. Buck**, 86, of Ormond Beach, Fla., on May 23, 2020. After earning his degree from Syracuse Univ., he joined the Navy and served for 16 years, both actively and in the reserves. Obtaining the insurance licenses he needed, he opened Buck and Cobb Insurance Agency in DeWitt, N.Y., and spent 30 years in the business before retiring in 1989. He was involved in several antique car clubs. Predeceased by first wife Barbara (Hopkins) and second wife Kathryn Gates, he is survived by sons Bradley and Scott, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Harold S. Olson**, 89, of Littleton, Colo., on April 4, 2020. He joined the Navy after high school and served on destroyers during the Korean War. At Middlebury he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho. He had a long career in sales and as the executive marketing director for Armstrong World Industries. Predeceased by first wife Marilyn (Duprey), he is survived by wife Mary (Windes), sons David, John, Paul, Robert, and James, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Judith N. Phelps**, 85, of Rockland, Mass., on May 19, 2020. Earning a master's in contemporary literature

at Columbia Univ. in 1957, she worked at Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Conn., and in a supervisory position with the Reuben H. Donnelley Corp. in NYC before joining the faculty at the Chapin School in NYC in 1961. She had a long career teaching English and served as the English Dept. chair until her retirement. She also earned many credits toward a PhD at City Univ. of New York. She is survived by brother Richard and his family.

**57 W. David Pricer**, 84, of Charlotte, Vt., on April 15, 2020. Through the combined Middlebury/MIT program, he earned his bachelor's in physics and his master's in electrical engineering. He had a long career as an engineer with IBM, including as manager of advance circuit technology. Through his work, he was granted 125 U.S. patents, as either inventor or coinventor. In 1995, he was elected to the IBM Academy of Technology. He served in several professional organizations, often in a leadership role, and was an adjunct professor of electrical engineering at UVM. In 1978 he was elected a fellow in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for his contributions to computer memory technology. In 2000, he was awarded the IEEE Third Millennium Medal for services to his professional society. He is survived by wife Nancy (Loizeaux), children Douglas, Amy, Timothy, and Edward, and five grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include daughters-in-law Krystal Sewell '91 and Lauren Johnson Pricer '95.

**58 Frederic M. Cowles III**, 87, of Bloomfield, Conn., on May 7, 2020. After high school, he served in the Marine Corps for three years. At Middlebury, he was a member of Delta Upsilon. He started his career as a stockbroker but then was hired by Travelers Insurance in 1962 and held a number of positions, including as VP of Travelers Investment Management Co. In 1986 he left the company and began Red Oak Landscape of Canton, Conn., with his son. He was survived by wife Janet (von Wettburg) '58, who died September 25, 2020. He is survived by children Laura, Adine, and Frederic, and five grandchildren.

**Ellen Rockwood Hunt**, 84, of Plymouth, Minn., on May 17, 2020. She was a member of Theta Chi Omega at Middlebury. In 1967, after hearing a lecture on transcendental meditation (TM) as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, she took a course in TM and in 1973, traveled to Spain to take a 10-week course to become a teacher of TM. She did research in Fairfield, Iowa, as a devoted follower of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and continued her teaching after moving to Tucson, Ariz., and Carlsbad, Calif. She is survived by children Ray, Annie, and Beth, and four grandchildren.

**Nancy Dwyer Lenz**, 83, of Vancouver, Wash., on June 17, 2020. She was a member of Theta Chi Omega at Middlebury. While raising her sons, she volunteered in local activities and was a fan at her sons' sports events. Earning a master's in counseling psychology from George Williams College, she worked part-time jobs and earned a certificate in addictions counseling before joining Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. She also completed a two-year program in marital and family therapy at the Family Institute of Chicago. She retired in 2006 as the director of the agency program at Lutheran Social Services. She is survived by children Brian '83, David, and Rick, and four grandchildren.

**John C. Lewis Jr.**, 84, of Salisbury, Vt., on April 9, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega, he earned his master's in organic chemistry from Middlebury in 1960. He worked eight years at Polymers in Middlebury, leaving as the director of research to join the Field Counseling Service of the Vermont Office of Technical Services. In 1970 he founded his company, Tucel Industries, a brush-manufacturing corporation that eventually shipped products all over the world. He held over 20 patents and changed the way cleaning products were made. Predeceased by wife Susan (Lockwood) '58, he is survived by children Laura, John '83, Douglas, and Jason, and five grandchildren.

**Dorothy Ann Sweeney**, 84, of Saranac Lake, N.Y., on May 23, 2020. A member of Sigma Kappa, she earned her MS from Columbia Univ. School of Social Work. After working in child welfare and health in NYC and Boston, she moved to Bennington, Vt., in 1973, where she was the coordinator of children's services at United Counseling Services. Subsequently, she worked in private practice as a psychotherapist for many years. Survivors include sister Joan, brother William, sister-in-law Eleanor Vinke Sweeney '59, and three nephews, including Ted Sweeney '90.

**Frank V. Tracy**, 89, of Ridgefield, Conn., on May 19, 2020. After a year at Middlebury, he enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War and was sent to Okinawa to serve in a B-29 maintenance squadron as part of the 20th Air Force at Kadena AFB. He then returned to Middlebury, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. After three years in the insurance field, he earned his master's in education at the Univ. of Hartford, began his teaching career at New Canaan (Conn.) High School and for 30 years taught political science, U.S. history, and government, retiring in 1995. He had a passion for opera, traveling throughout the opera world, and taught classes in opera at Founders Hall in Ridgefield. He is survived by wife Anne (McPherson), daughter Gail, and son Timothy.

**59 Anne MacDowell Jaster**, 82, of Schenectady, N.Y., on April 16, 2020. With a master's from

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Columbia Univ., she taught high school art in California before settling in Rotterdam, N.Y., and teaching art at the Mariaville School. She became involved with conservation efforts and combined her love of nature and art into botanical illustration, which she taught to adults. Predeceased by husband Heinz, she is survived by children John and Theodora, six grandchildren, and companion Rob Helffrich. Middlebury relatives include brother Ned MacDowell '56, his wife, Eleanor (Maier) '57, and nephew James MacDowell '89.

**Ernest T. Smith III**, 87, of Austin, Texas, on May 27, 2020. He served in the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade, pilot on the USS *Bennington*, and as a public information officer for Commander Air Fleet Air in Jacksonville, Fla. He then attended Middlebury, where he was a member of Theta Chi. After earning a Bachelor of Laws and an American Jurisprudence Award from Boston College, he began his career in 1962 as a trial attorney with Upton Sanders and Upton in Concord, N.H., a firm which changed its name to Upton Sanders and Smith in 1970. He retired in 1990 and moved to Steamboat Springs, Colo. Predeceased by wife Sandra (Atkinson), he is survived by daughter Sheldon, son Sam, and two grandsons. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother William '60.

**60 George M. Camp**, 81, of Middletown, Conn., on March 30, 2020. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he earned a master's in criminology and corrections at Florida State Univ. in 1962 and a PhD in sociology at Yale Univ. in 1967. He had a varied career in the field of corrections, working for different organizations, until 1978, when he became founder and principal of the Criminal Justice Institute, retiring in 2016. He is survived by wife Camille, children George, Blease, Sarah, and Cammie '91, and six grandchildren.

**62 Peter C. Shumway**, 81, of Santa Fe, N.M., on June 20, 2020. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi at Middlebury, he worked at Winchendon School for Boys until 1966. Earning a master's in theater from Smith College, he taught theater and speech courses at various schools, including Holyoke Community College and St. Mary's College of Maryland. After working as the technical director for the Louis Tupler Dance Co. of Washington, D.C., he moved to Oklahoma and joined the Prairie Dance Theatre as technical director, narrator, and cocreator of original children's shows, often touring with the company. He is survived by wife Elizabeth (Jopling).

**Sally R. Wallace**, 79, of Waverly, Va., on May 24, 2020. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she was a gifted musician, who lived in California and Spain. Returning to Alexandria, Va., she taught music. She is survived by sister Sue Wallace '59.

**Arch K. Wood II**, 81, of Hendersonville, N.C., on May 11, 2020. He served as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps from 1963 to 1966. Earning a master's from Northwestern Univ., he was a history teacher and football coach at Maine East High School in Park Ridge, Ill. Moving to Asheville, N.C., he owned and operated the Stuffed Artichoke and was a partner in the Market Place Restaurant. Predeceased by daughter Karen, he is survived by wife Nancy (Kenyon), daughters Beth and Stephanie, stepsons Justin and Jesse, and six grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include great-nephew Charles Dunning '13.

**63 Lynne Purple Baker**, 78, of Cornwall, N.Y., on April 15, 2020. After graduation, she worked in the international sales division of Eastman Kodak Co. In 1977, she joined her husband's business to manage and administer various ventures, including a private psychological practice, two small corporations involving health care services and airplane charter activities, and an organizational consulting partnership. Predeceased by granddaughter Annie, she is survived by husband John, children Karen, Chris, Mickey, Laura, and Amy, and nine grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Ella Congdon Purple '32.

**Stephen G. Wilkerson**, 79, of Hanover, N.H., on April 24, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega at Middlebury, he served in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps after graduation. He joined Nabisco in 1966, where he served in various leadership positions in strategic planning, marketing, and sales, retiring in 2000. Wherever he lived, he was actively involved and committed to his community. He is survived by wife Kathy (Hodgkinson), children Stephanie, Tracey '96, and Jim '01, and six grandchildren.

**64 Howard L. Canaan**, 77, of Cold Spring, N.Y., on April 1, 2020. A member of Zeta Psi, he earned his master's and doctorate from Columbia Univ. in 1966 and 1972. He taught English literature at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire and learned to farm biodynamically. Moving to Cold Spring, he was a distinguished professor of English literature at Mercy College for 31 years. He received an honorary master's degree in pedagogy from the college in 2002 and retired in 2012. He is survived by wife Sibyl (Heim), sons Nicholas and Alexander, and four grandchildren.

**Constance Miner Hawley**, 77, of Marshfield, Mass., on May 26, 2020. She worked for H & R Block, then had a long career with State Street Bank as a mutual fund accountant manager in North Quincy and Boston. She was a longtime member of North Community Church and a board member of the Community League and Sewing Seeds. She is survived by husband Peter '64,

children Ann, Peter, and Christopher, and six grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Thomas Miner '32, uncle James Miner '38, aunt Florence Miner '38, and brother Daniel Miner '62.

**Raynelle Stuart Kuckel**, 77, of Colorado Springs, Colo., on May 22, 2020. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she went to work for Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. after graduation. Over the years she held many positions in the company, including senior personnel consultant, assistant director of personnel, assistant director of customer services, and director of personnel operations. Moving to Colorado from Connecticut, she became involved in many organizations and became a Master Gardener. She is survived by husband Ben. Middlebury relatives include in-laws George '72 and Pinny Bristol '75 Kuckel, nephew Nicholas Drysdale '01, and great-niece Carolyn Orosz '15.

**Michael E. Mone**, 77, of Brockton, Mass., on March 30, 2020. At Middlebury he was a member of Delta Upsilon. He earned his law degree at Boston College Law School and had a long career as a trial lawyer, mainly with the firm Esdaile, Barrett, Jacobs, and Mone. He served in many legal organizations and was president of the Massachusetts Bar Assoc., Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, and the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 2000, Middlebury conferred a Doctor of Laws honorary degree on him. He is survived by wife Margaret (Supple), son Michael, and two grandchildren.

**65 Ruth Friedlander Huart**, 76, of Ecoust-St-Mein, France, on May 15, 2020. After graduation, she earned her master's in French through Middlebury at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. Remaining in France, she worked as a translator and bilingual secretary before beginning a teaching job at the Sorbonne. Earning her PhD in linguistics in 1984, she became a tenured professor, teaching at universities in Paris and Lille. She also conducted research and wrote textbooks, focusing on oral English and grammar for French educators. She is survived by husband Max, sons David and Julien, two grandchildren, and sister Joan Friedlander Hurley.

**J. Lewis Stackpole II**, 77, of Seattle, Wash., on April 19, 2020. He earned his bachelor's and master's in architecture at the Univ. of Pennsylvania. He worked in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Colorado, before moving to Montana and owning and operating the Lazy FS Ranch. In 1985, he opened Lewis Stackpole Architects in Red Lodge, Mont., and had a long career in architecture. He is survived by son Tim and two grandchildren.

**George F. Theriault Jr.**, 77, of Newbury, N.H., on April 27, 2020. After attending Montana State Univ. one year and the American Univ. in Paris, France, one year, he transferred to Middlebury. After teaching skiing and parachuting and working as an independent school administrator, he joined the New Hampshire Assoc. for the Blind in 1981 as their first development director, later being promoted to president and CEO. He retired in 2016 after 35 years with the association. He is survived by wife Celia.

**71 Glenn C. Krug**, 63, of Rock Island, Ill., on June 26, 2012. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he earned his medical degree at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia and completed his residency at Doctor's Hospital in Obstetrics. He practiced ob/gyn in Davenport, Iowa, for many years. He is survived by children Jarrod, Evan, and Aubrey.

**Carolyn Kroll Reidy**, 71, of New York, New York, on May 12, 2020. With a master's in English from Indiana Univ., she began a publishing career at Random House in the subsidiary rights dept. in 1974 and began work on her PhD in English, which she received in 1980. She later worked at William Morrow and Avon Books before joining Simon & Schuster in 1992 as president of the trade division. She was promoted to president of the adult publishing group in 2001 and to CEO in 2008. She steered the company through the deep recession and through the advent of the digital era and ebooks, which threatened to disrupt the printed-book business. In 2017 she was named Person of the Year by *Publishers Weekly*. She is survived by husband Stephen '72.

**72 Robert U. Johnsen Jr.**, 70, of Sarasota, Fla., on May 15, 2020. A member of Sigma Epsilon, he earned his law degree from the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., in 1975. Moving to Wilmington, N.C., he opened his own law practice. He was also an instructor at Cape Fear Technical Institute. He is survived by wife Valeria, sister Alison Baker, and many friends.

**David N. Norton**, 70, of South Strafford, Vt., on May 24, 2020. At Middlebury he was a member of Sigma Epsilon and the men's hockey team, which he captained two years. He was a carpenter, working on restoration projects of historical buildings and on many homes, and was a maple sugarer for over 40 years. He also coached youth hockey as well as the Hanover (N.H.) High School girls hockey from 1990–1997. He is survived by his wife, son, and stepdaughter. Middlebury relatives include sister Margaret Campion '77.

**77 Nancy Ryan Lowitt**, 64, of Baltimore, Md., on May 18, 2020. She earned a master's in edu-

cation from Harvard Univ. and her medical degree in 1987 from the George Washington Univ. School of Medicine. She served as assistant, associate, and finally as program director of the General Internal Residency Program at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. In 1998 she was elected to the American College of Physicians, and the next year joined the Univ. of Maryland School of Medicine as an assistant professor. She was appointed associate dean of graduate and continuing medical education and was later promoted to senior associate dean for faculty affairs and professional development. She is survived by husband Mark and children Amy, Alexander, and Diana.

**80 Barbara E. Banks**, 61, of Berkeley, Calif., on May 8, 2020. After receiving a certificate in visual anthropology from the Anthropology Film Center in Santa Fe, N.M., she joined a film company in Maine, where she did research, and produced and edited documentaries for PBS. Inspired by hearing the Dalai Lama speak at Middlebury, she worked with a filmmaker to produce the documentary *Tibet in Exile*, which won several awards. She later began working for Wilderness Travel, an adventure travel company based in Berkeley, and was responsible for their marketing and new trip development.

**Norma J. Mabry**, 60, of Rye, N.Y., on July 5, 2018. After teaching English in France under a Fulbright Scholarship, she taught French at Phillips Andover Academy for 10 years. Earning her MA in French from Middlebury in 1988, she was an assistant professor of languages at Merrimack College before joining Rye Country Day School as the head of the Modern Languages Dept.

**82 John D. McGee**, 60, of Charlestown, Mass., on May 10, 2020. He began work as a dishwasher in a restaurant in Boston's North End, was promoted to manager, and in 1988, bought the establishment. For the next 35 years, he made Mamma Maria into a renowned Italian fine dining restaurant, while building a community of loyal customers and longtime employees, and he was committed to seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. He was an active and charitable member of his community. He is survived by wife Laila Haddad and daughters Zoë and Phoebe.

**85 David L. Morton Jr.**, 57, of Andover, Mass., on May 24, 2020. At Middlebury he was a member of Delta Upsilon and the men's hockey team. Senior year he coached the JV hockey team. After earning his MBA from Suffolk Univ., he had a 15-year career as a sales trader for various firms on State Street in Boston. He also served a term as president of the Boston Stock Traders Assoc. and coached in the Wellesley Youth Hockey Program. Predeceased by daughter Finley, he is survived by fiancée Maeve Hill and children Caitlin



**BETSY KIPP THURBER**

**AUGUST 18, 1925–SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

Betsy Kipp Thurber, 95, longtime member of the Education Department, died September 10, 2020, at her home in Middlebury, Vt. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Vermont, she taught English at Vergennes Union High School. Spending two years in Princeton, N.J., while her husband, Harris, obtained his PhD, she worked at the Educational Testing Service, developing and evaluating the SAT.

In 1963, she joined the Education Department at Middlebury as a lecturer and supervisor of student teachers. She was responsible for advising and instructing students teaching English, languages, and social studies at area high schools. Marianne Doe, retired English teacher at Middlebury Union High School, says, "I loved watching her as she guided college students quietly and kindly through the routines and challenges of teaching. She helped them troubleshoot issues through the lens of positivity framed with astuteness and clarity."

Her lifelong devotion to public education also influenced her volunteer activities. She served the local school district as school board member, acting as clerk, and concentrating on curriculum and athletics. She also served on the Vermont State Teacher Licensure Board. Other major interests included the League of Women Voters, the Charter House Coalition (serving the homeless and underrepresented) in Middlebury, Addison County Hospice (as board president), the Lund Home, Habitat for Humanity, and the Addison County Educational Endowment Fund.

Predeceased by husband Harris Thurber, political science professor at Middlebury, she is survived by husband Dick Cramton, children Lyn Lauffer (Ferdinand), Bill Thurber '76, and Sara Marshall (Rick), alumni editor of *Middlebury Magazine*, stepdaughters Deborah and Holly Cramton, and grandchildren Emily and Elisabeth Lauffer, Alison (Alberto) Thurber and Ainsley (John) Winnie, and Alex (Thana), Nate (Caitlin), and Ben Marshall.



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'16, Erin, Connor, Patrick, Casey, Owen, Devon, Rory, and Nolan.

**03** Neal A. Berwick, 38, of Aurora, Colo., on May 8, 2020. He spent a summer studying at the Chinese School at Middlebury. He enjoyed playing tennis, and water and snow skiing. He worked for a time at Mad River Glen Ski Area in Fayston, Vt., and moved to Colorado to be near the mountains. He is survived by brother Dan and his family.

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS

**53** James E. McKinney, 93, MA Spanish, of Macomb, Ill., on April 4, 2020. He served two years in the Navy during WWII. Hired by Purdue Univ. in 1956, he was an instructor then associate professor in the Modern Languages Dept., before joining the faculty of Western Illinois Univ. in 1966 as professor and chairman of the Dept. of Foreign Languages, retiring in 1993.

**Royce W. Miller**, 92, MA Spanish, of Hallowell, Maine, on May 23, 2020. He taught in Maine public schools from 1948 to 1956 before joining Gordon College in Wenham, Mass., where he mentored college students in Spanish, French, German, and linguistics as a professor and chair of the Foreign Languages Dept. He published extensively on academic specialties, poetry, and Maine life.

**57** Eunice Smith Laughlin, 81, MA Spanish, of Scarsdale, N.Y., on September 26, 2017. She wrote articles and wrote books for the Hispanic Society of America before shifting to work as a travel agent.

**58** Nina Moss, 84, MA Spanish, of Los Angeles, Calif., on April 13, 2020. As a member of the Foreign Service, she worked for the U.S. ambassadors in Mexico and Argentina. Moving to L.A. in 1980, she worked at UCLA for over 20 years, especially in the Latin American Center.

**64** Juanita Faulkner Max, 85, MA French, of Naples, Fla., on April 18, 2020. She taught French in several states, including Columbia, S.C., where she was named Teacher of the Year; at the Univ. of Kentucky and at the Model Laboratory School of Eastern Kentucky Univ.; at Lee Academy in Auburn, Ala.; and at Plantation High School in Florida.

Sr. **Theresa Ste-Marie**, 92, MA French, of Winooski, Vt., on May 6, 2020. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Burlington, Vt., in 1945 and professed her vows in 1948. She taught English and French at various Catholic high schools in Vermont, as well as at Trinity College in Burlington. After retiring, she was active in hospital ministry and hospice.

**Richard H. Tyler**, 85, MA French, of Southbury, Conn., on April 17, 2020. He began his career in education teaching French at the Taft School in Watertown, Conn. He then taught at Idaho State Univ. in Pocatello before moving to Danbury, Conn., where he became the coordinator of foreign languages for the Danbury public school system. He retired in 1995.

**65** Sylvia Marksfield, 97, MA French, of North York, Ontario, Canada, on March 8, 2020. She began her career in teaching as a classroom teacher, then became a specialist in French teaching, and ended her career as principal of one of the French immersion schools in Montreal, retiring in 1976. She was very involved in the introduction of French immersion classes at the elementary school level.

**66** Ralph B. Jaeger, 83, MA German, of Pottsville, Pa., on April 10, 2020. He proudly served his country in the Navy. He was a longtime German teacher at Blue Mountain High School in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and coached the cross-country team for 18 years, earning a record of 192–8. After retiring, he worked for state representative Bob Allen.

**67** Edward C. Couture, 86, MA French, of Ann Arbor, Mich., on April 7, 2020. He taught French in Los Angeles high schools for 30 years to mostly Latinx students for whom English was their second language, often using French novels and early films to introduce them to French literature, cinema, and culture. He retired in 1994.

**Michael F. Drummey**, 82, MA English, of Exeter, N.H., on April 12, 2020. He began his teaching career at Holderness School before joining the faculty at Phillips Exeter Academy in 1969, where he taught English and coached football, baseball, and girls hockey. He was appointed the Woodbridge Odlin Professorship in English. He retired in 2006.

**69** Nancy D. Benson, 88, MA French, of Blowing Rock, N.C., on May 26, 2020. She taught history in schools in Massachusetts then worked around the world for the Peace Corps, UNESCO, and American Friends Service, and taught at Appalachian State Univ. She worked to raise the standard of living in Africa and taught English and helped women earn money by selling their crafts.

**70** Laurel Rutkaus Abusamra, 72, MA French, of Brentwood, N.H., on March 5, 2020. After teaching in the Malden Public Schools for two years, she spent the next 35 years as a French and Spanish instructor at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, Mass. In 1985, she received national attention for rescuing a white-tailed tropical bird that had been blown 775 miles from its natural habitat in Bermuda by Hurricane

Gloria and flying it back to Bermuda. She met husband David, MA French '70, at Middlebury.

**Dolores Heck Jones**, 78, MA German, of Mequon, Wis., on May 19, 2020. While teaching German in New Jersey, she was awarded an NDEA Institute scholarship, sponsoring summer programs for teachers of German at Princeton Univ. and Freiburg, Germany. She then taught German in Chicago before moving to Wisconsin, where she worked in the Homestead High School Learning Center. She became a certified aide for the education of challenged students and worked many years in that capacity.

**75** Margery Arzonico Clement, 90, MLitt English, of Falmouth, Maine, on April 2, 2020. She taught English for many years at various schools, with the most years teaching English and theater at Thayer Academy in Braintree, Mass. She also spent time directing theater courses and plays at Phillips Andover Academy. She then became a paralegal and searched real estate titles for the Verrill Dana Law Firm and Atlantic Title Co.

**76** Bruce R. Baker, 77, MA French, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 7, 2020. After teaching several years, he began his life's work in augmentative communication, founding Semantic Compaction Systems and developing a language representation technique for people who could not speak or use hand signs, which he called Minspeak. His mission over 40 years was "the highest personal achievement for people who rely on augmentative communication," which he accomplished all over the world. He received many awards for his work.

**77** Marjorie Perkal Khetttab, 64, MA French, of Forest Hills, N.Y., on April 22, 2020. After seven years living in Paris, she returned to New York, earned her master's in library science, and worked 35 years as a reference librarian at the Queens Borough Public Library. Later she interned at Best Friends Animal Society in Utah and took courses to gain entry in the veterinary technology program at LaGuardia Community College in Queens, N.Y.

**Rose M. Servodidio**, 90, MA Italian, of Eastchester, N.Y., on April 18, 2020. She was a language teacher of Spanish and Italian at Pelham (N.Y.) High School and Pelham Middle School for many years. In recognition of her language skills, she was inducted into the Italian and Spanish Honor Societies. Prior to teaching she worked in banking and for the New York Telephone Co.

**84** William J. Tadler, 83, MLitt English, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 13, 2020. A proud veteran of the Army, he had a long career in education, teaching English and theater at Shady Side Academy, where he also served as English Dept. chair, and also teaching at the Kiski School.